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» **'Over 3,200 Saipan registered voters' signature needed to place casino question on ballot'**

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he is likely to sign the Saipan casino bill but would ask the Legislature to immediately amend it to ensure tax rebates remain in place and that the exclusive casino license duration does not violate land provisions of the NMI Constitution, among other concerns. The governor also weighed in on the bill's other provisions at a time when a private group launches a signature drive targeting 25 percent or over 3,200 of Saipan's registered voters to place the question on the ballot in November.

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IF THE OAG RECOMMENDS IT

Inos says he will ask feds to extradite Fitial

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Fitial

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said Friday that he will ask the federal government to extradite former governor Benigno R. Fitial if and when the Office of the Attorney General recommends it, but he would like the CNMI to proceed with caution.

This comes days after the House of

Representatives adopted a resolution asking Inos to initiate the extradition process for Fitial, who stepped down days before the start of his impeachment trial at the Senate last year.

Inos reiterated that he referred the extradition resolution to the OAG for guidance and recommendation.

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This year's 2014 Mock Trial Champions, Saipan Southern High School.

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SSHS dethrones MCS in mock trial

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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» **Next stop: Madison, Wisconsin**

Saipan Southern High School dethroned defending champion Mount Carmel School to win the 16th Annual High School Mock Trial competition Friday afternoon at

the Guma' Hustisia. The victory is the school's third win in the entire mock trial history. The Manta Ray team first took the championship in 2004 and again in 2006. This year, Marianas Baptist Academy came in third with just a one-and-a-half-point difference on the judges' score sheets.

The schools argued the hypothetical criminal case, *Commonwealth v. Erin Napu*. Napu is charged with first-degree murder of her husband, J.R. Satdinas. Napu raised a defense that she was a battered woman and was trying to protect herself from her husband.

Other participating schools were Marianas High School, Rota's Dr. Rita H. Inos High School, Kagman High School,

Saipan Southern High School, and Tinian High School. Both MHS and MCS had two teams competing.

"I am very proud. All the credit should go to the students," SSHS' attorney-coach Michael Sato said. "The championship round was intense and I was really proud about how the students were doing. There was a lot of back and forth

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All Stars Production, Huang top inaugural student film fest

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For four Marianas High School seniors, the American dream can be attained through hard work. Senior students Ervin E. Santiago, Ronnel Ringor, Julian Briosos, and Stevan Roque made their message heard in a 12-minute film that won them first place in the NMI Humanities Council's inaugural student film festival last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

Student entries for the film category and the photomontage category answered the question: "What does the American Dream mean in the CNMI?" Students were judged based on the story/script, imagery, audio, video editing, and creative content.

The winning film, *The American Dream*, by the MHS student group called "All Stars Productions," narrated the life of a poor local male who experienced many hardships in his life and worked and studied hard to go to college and eventually land a stable job.

Ringor told the *Saipan Tribune* that he and his team wanted to stress that "through hard work everyone can achieve the American Dream." He added that the people who currently are living the dream are oblivious that they have it until they no longer do.

Fellow filmmaker Santiago said that his definition of the American Dream is "about achieving our most desired goal and being able to come back to the island after leaving for college to help."

Roque said the event sheds light on an important topic and gave the youth an out-

let to express their creativity through film.

Kagman High School's Audrey Camacho, Iramhel

Talon, and Michael Ian's *The American Dream* film placed second. Miguel Dandan from Mount Carmel School pre-

sented *SaimERICAN*, which won third place.

The inaugural film festival also featured a special photo-

montage category where participants collected photos of Saipan reflecting the competition's theme.

Enoch Chang's photomontage, titled *My Dream*, told his story of moving to Saipan as a Chinese national accompanied by his parents and gradually learning the language and culture of the island.

Chang, a student of Agape Christian School, was represented by his principal Jimeian Pang.

"I am very proud. This is something he did from his heart. He told me he was going to join but I had no idea it was going to be so outstanding and inspirational," she said.

Pang said that she was brought to tears while watching

her student's film.

Grace Christian Academy's Emman Parian placed second with his photomontage.

According to Humanities Council's program Officer Eulalia Villagomez the first place winner received \$1,000, second place was awarded \$500, and third place was given \$250.

She said the event was made possible through a 2010 We The People grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Chris Nelson, Robert Hunter, and Emelinda Cabrera judged the films and photomontages. Villagomez said the students were given two months to submit their pieces.

The council is planning to make the event an annual one, to also include college students.



All Star Productions filmmakers Ronnel Ringo, Ervin Santiago, and Stevan Roque are all smiles after Saturday's student film festival at the American Memorial Park after winning first place. Not in photo is fellow filmmaker Julian Briosos.



Grace Christian Academy's Emman Parian and Agape Christian School principal Jimeian Pang pose for a photo after the inaugural Humanities Council's Film Festival.

Tinian airport improvements move forward

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are pleased to announce the progress on the Tinian International Airport. Beginning March 27, 2014, the Commonwealth Ports Authority will solicit for bids on a contract for the Tinian International Airport, whose scope of work includes necessary improvements to the airport's arrival and departure terminals as well as its connecting corridor.

"Since Gov. Inos and I came into office, we have pushed our Capital Improvement Projects Office to pursue these infrastructure projects," explained Hofschneider. "Unfortunately, the improvements to the Tinian Airport have been long delayed, but I am glad that the project is now moving forward. I encourage CPA to complement this effort by also moving the other projects needed at the Tinian airport that

aren't funded by CIP."

Hofschneider also explained the significance of the Tinian airport. "The completion and opening of the Tinian International Airport is of extreme importance to the island of Tinian right now. Specifically, the airport is one of the key elements in Tinian's casino and tourism industries and brings us one step closer to our dream of having direct flights here. Already, the Dynasty's new investors are opening communication with major airlines to provide this service between Tinian and the whole of China. So, this is definitely a move in the right direction."

Award of this contract will be made within 120 calendar days from the date of the bid opening, and the contract duration is 270 calendar days from the notice to proceed. (*Office of the Lt. Governor*)



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Lawyer says client cooperated in probe vs 'prominent govt official'

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Attorney David G. Banes has disclosed that his client, Evelyn Duenas Cangco, cooperated with the U.S. government related to her allegations involving a prominent public official.

Banes made the disclosure in Cangco's sentencing memorandum filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Thursday. He neither identified the official nor specified Cangco's allegations.

In the memorandum, Banes asked the court not to impose prison time on Cangco and instead sentence her to just one year of probation or supervised release or home detention.

Banes said this is the same sentence the U.S. Probation Office recommends and is within both the statutory and sentencing guidelines provisions.

Banes said it is believed the U.S. government will recommend a similar sentence.

The 49-year-old Cangco is accused of lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that a Chinese man set her on fire in San Antonio. Last Sept. 11, Cangco pleaded guilty, saying she actually burned herself.

Lying to the FBI carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, a three-year period of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

In the sentencing memorandum, Banes said Cangco is a middle-aged woman with physical and emotional health issues. He said she has no criminal history and, after her initial denial, she confessed to lying even before she had counsel and even agreed to plead guilty immediately after being charged.

Banes said Cangco is not violent, does not use drugs, nor does she drink alcohol to excess. He said Cangco is an excellent candidate for rehabilitation.

Banes said Cangco cooperat-

ed with the U.S. government in its investigation related to a high profile public official, including wearing a recording device, exposing herself to possible retaliation from this official.

As the public official apparently suspected something, which made him refuse to meet with Cangco, it is unlikely the U.S. government will reward her with a "substantial assistance" recommendation, Banes said.

"Nonetheless, the court should take this cooperation into account as it shows her commitment to change and that she is unlikely to be a repeat offender," Banes said.

U. S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona stated at the change of plea hearing that although there is a concern for Cangco's mental competency, there is no evidence that she is suffering from some type of mental illness.

Cangco had claimed that an unknown Chinese man shoved her from behind and threw gasoline on her back as she was returning to her vehicle, which was parked in front of the San Antonio Market, on March 26, 2013. Cangco stated that the Chinese man set her on fire before fleeing on foot, heading south on Beach Road.

Assistant U.S. attorney Rami Badawy said that Cangco later admitted to filling a jar with gasoline from a can at her home before driving to the San Antonio Market, where she doused herself with gasoline, then lit herself on fire.

Police investigation showed that Cangco was admitted to the Commonwealth Health Center for second-degree burns on both hands and her entire back.

Police said Cangco ran into the store, screaming for help. Store employees said she had no shirt on and was only wearing a bra and that her pants were on fire. The employees extinguished the flames and called 911 for police assistance.

Man acquitted of beating wife, child

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Friday acquitted of all charges a man accused of beating up his common-law wife and one of their four children at their house in San Antonio.

After a two-day bench trial that ended on Friday, Camacho ruled that the prosecution failed to prove its case against 28-year-old Helimar Ayala Santiago.

The judge found that the common-law wife was the initial aggressor.

Santiago had been charged with two counts of assault and battery, one count of child abuse, and two counts of disturbing the peace.

Attorney Samuel Mook served as court-appointed counsel for Santiago. Assistant attorney general James McAllister

prosecuted the case.

Police said as a result of the incident that occurred on Aug. 28, 2013, a 7-year-old boy sustained contusions on cheeks, while his mother had contusions on the head, hip, and right wrist. Both were treated at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Police detective Jesse K. Seaman stated in his report that police responded to a residence in San Antonio on Aug. 28, 2013 at 2:15pm after a man reported a disturbance. Police officer Norris Kwon learned that Santiago allegedly beat up the common-law wife, slapped their son, and left on a vehicle.

Police said Santiago denied beating up his wife, but admitted hitting the boy. He was then arrested. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Feds respond to CNMI concerns on Fukushima radiation hazard

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At Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) request, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has agreed to provide the CNMI with "material and logistical support to respond to public concern about radiation hazards from the Fukushima nuclear accident," three

years after the massive March 2011 Japan quake and tsunami that also triggered radioactive leaks from damaged nuclear power plant reactors.

"FDA is able to provide radiation pagers, a radionuclide identification system, dosimeters, service contracts and training for use by the Commonwealth government," Sablan said.

The delegate added that the FDA has also invited the CNMI to join a working group of officials from federal agencies and from Hawaii and other Pacific coastal states, who meet periodically to discuss the Fukushima incident and its impact.

"I appreciate FDA's response," he said.

Sablan said a number of

constituents have told him they are worried about radiation from Fukushima reaching the CNMI in ocean waters or through the food chain so he worked to find federal resources addressing this concern.

Shortly after the March 2011 Japan quake and tsunami, the CNMI government formed a CNMI Nuclear Task Force to monitor developments and

work with local, federal and international agencies in addressing concerns related to the disaster.

CNMI government and private entities also mobilized to help raise funds for the disaster-hit Japan, which remains to be the CNMI's main tourism market.

At the time, CNMI govern-

ment officials said besides the 1,500 miles to 1,700 miles distance between the CNMI and Japan's Fukushima area where the damaged nuclear reactors are, there are also other factors that make it close to impossible for radiation to reach the CNMI, including wind direction and weather conditions, the task force said.

SSHS

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and a lot of objections and a lot of rules of evidence came into play and they handled themselves professionally and came prepared."

SSHS won four out of the six ballots cast by the jurors, leaving MCS with just two jurors in favor of their case, the defense. According to mock trial coordinator Deanna M. Ogo the ballots ultimately decided the winner of the last round, but the two were only separated by one point on the jurors' score sheet.

SSHS teacher-coach Frank Borja echoed Sato's sentiments. "They all worked very hard and they deserve it," he said.

Saipan Southern High School's team represented the prosecution and Mount Carmel argued for the defendant, with attorney Robert Torres presiding over the two-and-a-half-hour trial. The courtroom was packed with students from schools throughout the Com-

monwealth.

Saipan Southern High's team is composed of students Mikhail T. Alcantara, Edgar Caras Jr., Angela Cruz, Katrina Mae Cruz, Emily Rose DeWitt, Jin Pyo Jeon, Sung Min "Paul" Kim, Aaron Tiger Lee, Annika Matias, Eliezha May Mendoza, Christian Miller, Myoung Ki "Tony" Oh, Jun Seo "Allen" Park, and Tiara Villagomez.

SSHS now advances to the 31st National High School Mock Trial Competition that will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 8-10.

SSHS' Katrina Cruz said that she did not expect the win. "I am glad that we won. It was intense."

Fellow student attorney Allen Park said he is honored to represent the CNMI at the nationals as a first time mock trial member. "We really worked hard as a team and it was really rewarding. The championship round was the fun round. I was not nervous."

NMPASI attorney Jean Rayphand, one of the champion-

ship jurors, said she took the presentation of the teams and the cross-examinations into great consideration when casting her ballot.

MCS' teacher-coach and school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that their second-string team was the one that made it to the final round. "We may not have won first place but it reflects very well on our mock trial program that we placed in the top," he said.

Both MCS teams placed in the top four.

He added that the final round "definitely was the championship round as both teams brought their 'A' game."

MCS student-witness David Kim said that he enjoyed competing in the last round and that "having fun is the best 'first place'" he can get.

After the championship round, the students gathered for an awards banquet at the Kanoa Resort to recognize outstanding performances of individual student attorneys and witnesses.

Two students were named as the most effective prosecution attorneys: MBA's Yui Ito and Tinian's Kyle Sandbergen.

MHS' Angela Aninon, MCS' Andrea Manese, and Michael Johnson from MHS were tied for the most effective defense attorney.

Tinian's Keithley Marquez and MCS' Amalina Evangelista were named the best witnesses for the prosecution and defense, respectively.

Rota's Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School's team bagged the Supreme Court professionalism award along with MCS' Team II.

Manese told *Saipan Tribune* that her experience this year was fun but extremely challenging. "Each year that I come back to compete, the caliber of the students just gets higher and higher."

The principle sponsors of this year's event are the CNMI Bar Association, the CNMI Supreme Court, and Northern Marianas Judiciary Historical Society.

EXTRADITE

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right now," he said, adding that the OAG has not gotten back to him yet on the matter.

Inos said if the OAG recommends that the CNMI pursue Fitial's extradition, "everything must be in order because the document could be shot down if there's technical defect and so forth." He was referring to the summons or the warrant issued.

When asked whether he would sign a formal request to extradite Fitial, Inos said, "Yes, I would, but it would be a request to the State Department."

Inos reiterated that international extradition is a function of the federal government and not the local government.

Fitial is believed to be in the Philippines where his wife hails from. The Philippines has an extradition treaty with the United States.

He added that Office of the Public Auditor counsel George Hasselback, as special prosecutor, "is the one that has to

initiate the formal action." The governor said the OPA counsel is now working with the OAG in this regard.

House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), main author of the Fitial extradition resolution, said the federal government won't consider extraditing Fitial if the CNMI "does not lift a finger" to initiate the process.

Dela Cruz, also a co-sponsor of the impeachment resolutions against Fitial, said it is not fair that Fitial has yet to be brought to court while the persons facing the same criminal charges—including police officers and ports police officers—had already been served with summons.

Fitial's former attorney general Edward Buckingham has already been found guilty of corruption and other charges, many of them the same charges that Fitial faces. Buckingham during his trial, told the court it was Fitial's idea to use government resources to provide him with "escort" from a hotel to the airport on the day he was leaving Saipan.

CASINO

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The governor shares the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and other entities' concerns that the bill as currently written "just wiped out" the tax rebate, except for the would-be Saipan casino license holder. Inos, however, believes it was not a deliberate act to scrap the program.

"Part of the thinking right now is to propose an amendment to restore the rebate schedules," Inos said in an interview during Friday's breadfruit initiative update at the Kagman agriculture center.

It was also the governor's first media interview since coming back two weeks ago from a series of meetings in Washington, D.C.

When pressed to clarify whether he would veto the bill or sign it with a notation to the Legislature to amend certain provisions, the governor said it's "the latter."

"It's probably easier and more expeditious if I [go with] the latter procedure," he said.

Alex Sablan, president of the 160-member Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said it is not fair that the bill as written does away with the tiered tax rebate for taxpayers in the CNMI except for the would-be exclusive casino license holder.

He said the tax rebate is "one of the last real investment tools to attract investors" in the CNMI that needs to be maintained.

A rebate is for tax properly paid and is subsequently returned to the taxpayer under a rebate provision.

Once the casino bill is officially transmitted by the House of Representatives to the governor's office, the governor has 40 days to act on it or the measure automatically becomes law.

Inos also said the up to 80-year exclusive license "could be in direct violation of the Constitution for both Articles 11 and 12, so that's gonna have to be changed."

Under the measure, within 15 days of the bill's signing into law, a nonrefundable \$1 million application fee and a partial \$30 million casino license fee both have to be paid.

"It would be done with prior consultation of the leadership," the governor said.

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), one of those who voted against the Saipan casino bill, said there is no clarification to date whether the exclusive casino license holder will be allowed to operate casinos in more than one hotel. He is also seeking an answer whether these other casinos on the investor's other hotels can be built on Tinian and Rota "since this is a Commonwealth casino bill."

Casino gaming is currently legal only on Tinian and Rota. Conner said Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, the only operating casino in the CNMI, could be negatively impacted by the newly-passed bill.

Conner added that there were no feasibility studies or any financial reports prepared in connection with the Saipan casino bill.

Investors

Inos said the bill is not tailored to a specific investor group, but added that different investor groups have visited the CNMI to show their interest in operating a casino on Saipan. He said this is the opportunity for these different investor groups—including those from China, Korea, Macau, and the U.S. mainland—to come in.

"Actually one of the problems that we have in really articulating on this thing is the absence of [law]; that casino gaming is not authorized so we can't even talk much about it," he said.

When asked whether E Land or Tan Holdings are among those interested in casino operations because of their hotel plans for Saipan, Inos said he's not aware.

The governor added that the bill requires the construction of at least 2,000 hotel rooms, and what E Land or Tan Holdings plans is no-

where near that number.

He said if no investor applies for an exclusive casino license and make partial casino license fee payment within 15 days after the law signing, then "nothing happens" or the law can be amended.

As of Friday, the House of Representatives has yet to transmit to the governor's office an official copy of the bill. House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) authored the measure.

But the governor said he has already reviewed a copy of the bill after it was passed last week. He said the bill, although not officially transmitted to his office yet, has already been undergoing review and he would also like to get input from different agencies and sectors.

He said it was a "slightly different version from the previous one that the Senate had shelved" a few months ago.

Revenues and funding

Inos said the \$15 million annual payment is only for license fee, and this is on top of the gross receipts tax and other multiplier effects on the economy.

House and Senate members who voted "yes" to the Saipan casino bill said this major revenue-generating bill needs to pass to restore the 25 percent cut in retirees' pension, ensure the government's annual payment

to the retirement settlement trust fund, and sustain an increase in health insurance premium rate, among other things. The governor supports the intent.

The governor is also recommending the allocation of any gross receipts tax on casino operations for the payment of retirement contribution interest withdrawals under Public Law 17-82.

Inos said he would also like some casino revenue to help subsidize the so-called LEAC rate. LEAC, which stands for the levelized energy adjustment clause, is one of the two components of a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customer's bill primarily for fuel expenses. The other component is the non-fuel expenses.

Some lawmakers, including Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan) and Sen. Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), said the bill was passed without giving members ample time to review it, without a committee report, or without public hearings.

The governor said the concept of a Saipan casino bill is nothing new, although there were different versions. The bill was prefled weeks after the formal introduction and passage in the House and later on, the Senate.

It was the first time that the Senate passed a Saipan casino bill from the House in four years. The passage also comes

seven years since Saipan voters rejected for the second time the question of casino on the ballot.

Signature drive

Meanwhile, Isidoro T. Cabrera said yesterday that the Marianas Economic Research and Development Foundation has moved the launching of the Saipan casino signature drive to this week.

Robert Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said on Friday that the group would need the signatures of at least 25 percent—and not 20 percent as earlier reported—of Saipan's registered voters.

"That means they need over 3,200 signatures," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

As of March 4, Saipan registered voters numbered 12,861, so MERDF needs at least 3,251 signatures.

Cabrera, MERDF president and board member, said they would work hard to gather more than the required signatures because the Office of the Attorney General, upon review of the signatures, might strike out some names.

If the group gathers the required percentage of signatures, then the question of whether voters want a Saipan casino or not would be placed on the ballot in the November general elections.

Hart says it's time to review tuition rate, student fees

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In its desire to adjust the wages of its employees, the Northern Marianas College will be reviewing the current tuition rate and fees it charges students.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart told *Saipan Tribune* that the institution has not had any increases in its tuition rates and fees for quite some time now.

NMC's existing tuition rate is \$95 per credit for resident students and \$190 per credit for nonresident enrollees. Hart said these fees have been in place for many years.

"It's been many years since we increased our tuition and fees and every college has to look at this every semester," said Hart, disclosing of plans to inquire with other institutions their policies on student tuition and fees.

Hart said she will participate in this week's scheduled assembly of the Pacific Post-secondary Education Council in Hawaii. PPEC is an organization of chiefs of postsecond-

ary institution in the Pacific including the CNMI, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and Hawaii.

"I will be asking these institutions what are their goals [with respect to the tuition of students]. In asking this question, it would help us look into our tuition here at NMC," said Hart.

Any tuition increases or decreases are usually seen during the fall semester of the year.

In a previous interview, Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services, told *Saipan Tribune* that in the event tuition and fees are changed, the management will make sure that students are given ample time to prepare.

The college last implemented a tuition hike more than five years ago.

With the recent reaffirmation of NMC's accreditation, Hart is forecasting a 14-percent increase in their enrollment. The projected figure is based on the college's experi-

ence when it reaffirmed its accreditation in the past.

NMC gets an average of about 1,200 students each semester.

Tuition and fees are one of the funding sources of the college. Others are the local appropriation—which pays for its personnel—and other federal grants. Tuition revenue is used for the college's operational expenses, while some portions are used to pay for unfunded FTEs.

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'Get share of medical referral funds to boost CHC's services'

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The medical director for the Public Health Division, who also sits as a member of the CNMI Medical Referral Program committee, is urging the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to formulate a plan on how to get at least half of the millions of dollars the government spends to send patients outside the Commonwealth.

Dr. Dan Lamar disclosed that a large number of referred patients each year are sent to off-island medical facilities despite the fact that many of the services they need can be obtained at the Commonwealth Health Center.

He described this situation as "truly disappointing" and "makes no sense at all" for a government that wants its lone public hospital to be self-sustaining and efficient.

Saipan Tribune earlier reported that the CNMI government spent \$5.274 million in 2013 to refer 732 patients off-island for treatment. Of these referrals, the bulk was sent to Guam hospitals, with 442 patients; the Philippines, 211 referrals; Hawaii, 62; and U.S. mainland, 17.

Lamar pointed out that CHC has more staff than ever and owns some—if not all—the medical equipment needed to treat patients who are being sent off-island.

"We could do those [services] here in our hospital and by doing so, we could capture the income now being paid elsewhere by the government," said Lamar.

He said the medical referral fund is a "huge investment" that CHCC could use to procure more equipment and hire specialists.

This could be done, Lamar said, if the hospital management and board are committed to push for this.

"We should shift our thinking and it will only happen if people push for it. The corporation [board] has influence on the central government to make the change," he said.

The medical referral program is currently under the Office of the Governor.

Lamar believes that if the corporation captures even half of the \$6 million to \$7 million that is spent each year on off-island referrals, "we will be doing less referrals if those money comes into the corporation."

The physician cited as an example the need to procure an MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, which is a diagnostic imaging tool.

At a recent board meeting, interim corporation CEO Esther Muña admitted that CHC remains short of specialists to handle all medically referred patients.

But the CEO agrees that any investment made by the government on the hospital would boost CHC's capabilities to provide needed services and treatment.

Muña also cited the rigorous process of bringing in specialists and medical staff who all need to go through the licensing board. The issue of low salaries was also cited as one of the reasons for the difficulty in bringing in needed experts.



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Coloma, Calayo top Scripps Regional Spelling Bee

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Ron Rocky Coloma threw his hands in the air with a big smile on his face after successfully spelling the word “pastiche” in the final round of the 2014 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee, on Saturday, at LeoPalace Resort’s Hotel Belvedere in Guam.

Coloma, a student at Santa Barbara Catholic School, was crowned champion at the regional spelling bee, with Saipan Grace Christian Academy 7th grade student Justine Theola

Calayo—who went head to head with Coloma in the last few rounds—placing second.

Both students made it to the eighth round and approached the microphone for the next four rounds to compete for the title.

Both of them correctly spelled the words “achromatic” and “cartesian.”

It was then Caloma’s turn. He correctly spelled the word “abaca.”

Calayo, however, misspelled her word in the next round: “diptych.”

Coloma then correctly spelled

“serviette.”

At this point during the competition, the Santa Barbara Catholic School student needed to spell the next word correctly to lock in his victory.

After asking for the definition, word of origin, a sentence, and the announcer to repeat the word again, he correctly spelled “pastiche.”

His parents in the audience and other family members jumped off their seats and cried tears of joy after hearing the announcer John Anderson tell their son that he spelled

the word right.

This year’s winner bested 55 other top spellers from Guam, Rota, Saipan, Palau, and Pohnpei in Saturday’s competition. He now prepares to represent the Pacific region in the 87th Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee scheduled for May 25 in Washington, D.C.

“Second place feels great, considering that it’s my first time going to the regionals. I had to stay after school four days a week until 4:30pm. I’m looking forward to trying again next year,” Calayo told the

Saipan Tribune.

Her teacher coach, Ami Danganan, said she is proud of her student. “Her victory was unexpected and more than what we prayed and asked for. Our prayer that morning is that she would get the words she knew and that whatever the result would be would bring glory to God and a blessing to others,” she said.

Dangana said Calayo remained “calm and cool” during the entire competition.

“We also appreciate how the other Saipan schools were cheering with us,” she added.

Saipan sent several other student representatives from private and public schools.

CNMI state champion Holly Liban garnered 10th place. The middle-school student misspelled “bobbejaan.”

San Vicente School principal Boni Pangelinan flew to Guam to support the students

and said she was at the edge of her seat throughout the competition. “She got a word she didn’t know.”

“Holly was very confident, she was not nervous at all. I know for us as teachers, administrators, and parents that we are even more nervous than the students,” she said. “We were rooting for Saipan the whole way through.”

Rota Grace Christian Academy student Rency Camacho was eliminated in Round 7 after incorrectly spelling “plenipotentiary.” The middle school student said it was both an exciting and nervous experience for her. Camacho placed 8th.

Marian Miranda of Garapan Elementary School survived until the second round.

A.J. Samonte from Oleai Elementary and Green Meadow’s 4th grade student Alijanah Manabat also participated in last week’s event.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Grace Christian Academy teacher coach Ami Danganan and runner-up Justine Calayo along with her mother pose for a photo at the 2014 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in Guam.

Suspected ‘ice’ distributor pleads guilty

Yuan Rong Zhao, a 41-year-old man arrested in January by Drug Enforcement Administration agents for allegedly distributing \$400 worth of methamphetamine or “ice” on Saipan, has pleaded guilty in federal court.

Zhao, who appeared with court-appointed counsel Michael Dotts at a hearing on Friday, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

He will be sentenced on June 13, 2014.

According to the plea agreement, Zhao provided 0.60 grams of “ice” to an individual on March 6, 2012 in exchange for between \$200 and \$400.

A DEA special agent stated in an affidavit that the buyer was their confidential source and that the deal happened outside Zhao’s residence in San Antonio.

DEA agents arrested Zhao on Jan. 3. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB14-GOV-059



Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, is soliciting sealed bids for the Agag Water System Well Field Isolation Part B in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Install approximately 6,255 lineal feet of 4", and 8" PVC waterline with appurtenant valves, fittings, flow meter, flush hydrants, air relief valves, and pressure reducing valves.
- Remove and dispose existing pipes at the Agag Booster Station.
- Various connections works at five (5) locations.
- Connect existing service laterals and water meters.
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new waterlines.
- Restore asphalt paving.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **February 17, 2014** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00 a.m., on February 28, 2014**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **February 27, 2014**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3-301. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB14-GOV-059"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 pm local time **March 19, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 pm local time **March 19, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **March 19, 2014**, and must be received no later than **March 28, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **March 28, 2014**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **March 19, 2014**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/Eloy S. Inos
Governor and Contracting Officer

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

INVITATION TO BID ITB14-GOV-066

Repainting of Government Buildings in Capitol Hill

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Repainting of Government Buildings in Capitol Hill.

The project package will be available Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on March 7, 2014** to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB14-GOV-066"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, March 21, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **11:00 a.m. Saipan local time March 21, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **March 21, 2014** and must be received no later than **March 28, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, March 28, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **2:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on March 21, 2014**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

- Acceptable asset are only:
- 1) Cash
 - 2) US Government Securities
 - 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
 - 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
 - 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

OAG, Woodruff file final draft of \$185K settlement deal

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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney Gen-

eral and Betty Johnson's local counsel, Stephen Woodruff, have filed in federal court the final draft of their settlement

agreement totaling \$185,000 for Woodruff's attorney's fees and costs.

The OAG and Woodruff filed

the final draft of the settlement agreement on Friday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI. The agreement was signed by Gov.

Eloy Inos and Woodruff. OAG Civil Division chief Gilbert Birnrich signed for Attorney General Joey San Nicolas.

According to the settlement deal, the CNMI shall pay Woodruff \$185,000 on or before May 2, 2014, "in full satisfaction of its obligation to pay to Woodruff attorney's fees and reimbursement of costs" under the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood approved on March 3 the CNMI government's settlement with Woodruff, and placed under advisement the CNMI government's settlement with Johnson's original counsel, Bruce Lee Jorgensen.

The CNMI government has agreed to pay Woodruff \$185,000 and Jorgensen \$800,000 for their representation of Johnson's class action. The two settlement agreements are subject to court approval.

Although she approved the deal with Woodruff, Tydingco-Gatewood gave Woodruff and

the CNMI government until Friday, March 7, to submit the final draft of the settlement accord.

The judge ordered the government and Jorgensen to submit the final draft of their settlement agreement on or before March 14, 2014.

Jorgensen's initial request was for at least \$18.6 million, while Woodruff was between \$1 million to \$2.9 million. Johnson's other counsel, Timothy Lord, made an initial demand for either \$3.6 million or \$5.9 million.

Bronster Hoshibata, the Hawaii-based counsel for Johnson, is demanding \$17.5 million, but the court placed the petition under advisement.



Woodruff



Saipan Rotary attends conference for increasing membership

Three members of the Rotary Club of Saipan attended the Rotary International District Conference in Tokyo, Japan, from Feb. 27 to 28 to learn new strategies on increasing membership in the district.

President-elect Richard Cody, director Marcia Ayuyu, and community service director Reina Camacho were one of nine Rotary Club groups under District 2750 that took part in the conference. The district is part of the Pacific Basin Group that includes Guam, Palau, Chuuk, and Pohnpei. A total of about 800 attended the conference.

The Rotary Club of Saipan also recently chartered its first Rotaract, a unique international district organization for people aged 18 to 30 years.

According to Camacho, district governor Isako Funaki "is pleased and mightily impressed we were able to forge a new organization."

Funaki's goal is to focus on Interact, Rotaract, and increasing membership across the District. The conference was also based on a meeting with Rotary Club of Tokyo Atago.

Camacho said they were able to have fellowship with members of newly chartered clubs and have agreed to become sister clubs with them and partner up for the Rota Smile Project.

One of the highlights of the conference was the national anthems of all Rotary Clubs sung in native languages by the Rotary Fellowship Choir Group conducted by Hiroshi Sakamoto.

"The Guam hymn and CNMI anthem were sung in Chamorro, the Palau anthem in Palauan, etc. by a Japanese choir. Their choir was superb to begin with but I was awed to hear it at the District conference," said Camacho.

Rota Smiles Project

The club recently took the lead in reviving a dental clinic on Rota and is now in partnership with the Rotary Club of Tokyo Atago for the project.

The island currently has no dentist or dental clinic. Residents have to travel to nearby islands such as Saipan or Guam to receive basic dental care at considerable costs.

The purpose of the Rota Smiles Project is to provide dental services for the people of Rota at the Rota Health Center in Songsong Village. The project will focus on building renovation and purchasing dental equipment and furnishings, estimated at \$50,000.

Other potential partners include the Office of the Governor, Office of the Mayor of Rota, Department of Public Works on Rota, Commonwealth Health Corp., and the Rota Legislative Delegation.

The Rotary Club of Saipan will be overseeing the completion of the building's renovation and provide dental equipment and furnishings. The support of other Rotary Clubs will be needed to see this project to completion.

Planning and renovation will take place this year along with grant funding and the club fundraising. Procurement of equipment and supplies will possibly be next year or by 2016. (Jayson Camacho)

Rotary Club of Saipan attends a workshop that focuses on increasing membership in the district. President-elect Richard Cody and other members of the Pacific Basin Group of the Tokyo District enjoy a moment of laughter.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING
CORPORATION, : CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff, : NO. 13-0022

vs. :
The ESTATE OF MARGARITA ADA
GAZA, and DANILO N. GAZA, :
Defendants. :

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on February 21, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 002 G 270, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1904, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, April 4, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 3rd day of March, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLAND

NICHOLAS JR. P. SALI) FCD-DI CIVIL
Petitioner,) ACTION
vs.) NO. 14-0095
LEONIDA REGACHO)
SALI) **SUMMON FOR**
Respondent) **PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505548 Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 27th of February, 2014

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER) FCD-CN
OF THE PETITION) Civil Action
FOR CHANGE OF) No. 14-0052
NAME OF:)
AMRITA VARSHINI) **NOTICE OF**
SANTHOSH) **HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above entitled matter is set for a hearing on March 20, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Govendo.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments**
- III. Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Gaming Integrity Services - MOU
- V. New Business**
 - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - b. Casino Service Industry
 - i. US Playing Cards
 - c. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
- VI. Executive Session**
- VII. Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters**
- VIII. Adjournment**

*Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

*Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 24th day of May, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of April, 2014 at 10 a.m., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot/Tract No. 011 G 701, containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 14, the original of which was recorded on December 3, 1993 as Document No. 93-4182 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

- a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted,
- b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- c) to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Marianas Public Land Trust.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 12th day of February, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Sailors volunteer at Guam school



JESSE LEON GUERRERO

Sonar Technician 2nd Class (SS) Zachary Parry, of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS *City of Corpus Christi* (SSN 705), talks about his Navy experiences with students at B.P. Carbuillido Elementary School in Barrigada, Guam, on March 7.

By JESSE LEON GUERRERO
JOINT REGION MARIANAS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BARRIGADA, Guam—USS *City of Corpus Christi* sailors gave back to the island they once called home during an outreach opportunity at B.P. Carbuillido Elementary School in Barrigada, Guam on March 7.

This was the submarine's first visit to the island since its change of homeport from Guam to Hawaii in 2011.

"It's kind of like going back to where you grew up," said Fire Technician 2nd Class (SSW) Jordan Larry, who was a junior sailor when *City of Corpus Christi* was homeported in Guam. "It's a privilege to have been here before so I can show

the junior sailors around."

More than 10 sailors shared their career experiences, told stories about Navy life, and participated in sports activities with the students.

"We like to show the community that we care and we do our part," said Machinist's Mate 1st Class (SS/SW) Shane Stuteville. Agnes Guerrero, school principal, said the visit was beneficial to the students because it allowed them to learn more about the Navy and possibly set personal educational and career goals.

"It's something positive for our children," she said. "I really look forward to always building that relationship and they've been very, very good about coming to

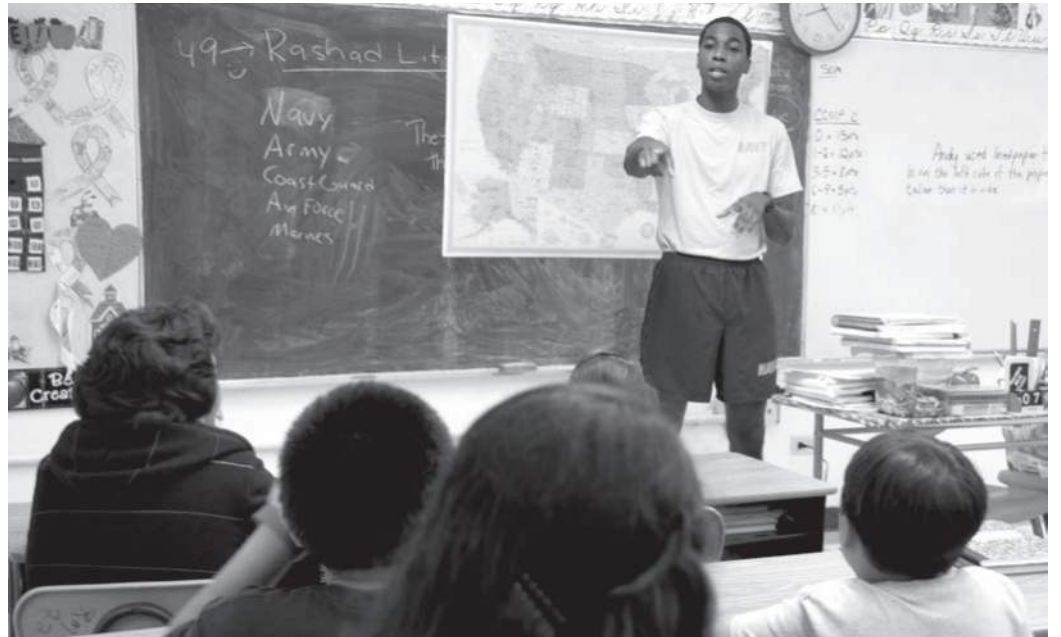
the schools every year, making that time for our students."

The submarine departed Hawaii in November 2013 for deployment to the Western Pacific region. It is the second ship to be named after the Texas city and is capable of conducting anti-surface and anti-submarine operations along with guided missile strike operations using conventional Tomahawk land attack missiles.



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Electronics Technician 3rd Class (SS) Dakota Parsons, of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS *City of Corpus Christi* (SSN 705), explains how ships and submarines work to students at B.P. Carbuillido Elementary School in Barrigada, Guam, on March 7. This was the submarine's first visit to the island since its change of homeport from Guam to Hawaii in 2011.



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Machinist's Mate Fireman Rashad Little, of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS *City of Corpus Christi* (SSN 705), talks about his Navy experiences with students at B.P. Carbuillido Elementary School in Barrigada, Guam, on March 7.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

March 10, 2006

6 Gardenia workers seek Labor's help

Six employees of a corporation that owns Pacific Gardenia Hotel sought help from the Department of Labor yesterday due to the alleged decision by the court-appointed receiver to close the hotel, restaurant, and bakeshop. The employees, who claimed that they have four to five unpaid payroll checks, have not been reporting for work since Tuesday after receiver Rex Palacios allegedly announced during Monday's meeting that he was closing Pacific Gardenia, El Segundo Restaurant, and the bakeshop. When contacted by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, Palacios said he has not seen the complaint yet and that, if there is one, he will look at it and respond to it accordingly. "Anybody can file a complaint. It doesn't bother me," Palacios said.

Admin terminates \$9.9M landfill contract

Citing high costs, the Fitial administration has terminated a

five-year multi-million Marpi landfill contract effective this month. The contract, worth \$9.9 million, was signed during the Babauta administration. Greg Apa, president of Pacific Drilling-Saipan Waste Management, disclosed in an interview yesterday that he received the termination notice Tuesday, March 7. He said his team would begin moving out their equipment yesterday. "We're moving the equipment outside. As far as I understand, the Department of Public Works will be running the landfill tomorrow," said Apa. He said DPW "does not have any equipment lined up at this time."

March 10, 2007

Dekada to collect data of workers with US citizen kids

Dekada yesterday urged all alien workers with children born in the CNMI to attend their Sunday meeting so they will be included in the data package to be sent to the U.S. Congress. Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada, told *Saipan Tribune*

that the issue of alien workers with U.S. citizen children was one of the topics that they discussed during the meeting with U.S. Senate Energy and Resources Committee staff members Allen Stayman and Josh Johnson.

'Keep your municipal councils, but pay for them'

Tinian and Rota can keep their municipal councils if the funding will come from the respective senatorial districts, rather than the central government, according to a Saipan lawmaker. Rep. Ramon Tebuteb said this in reaction to a statement by a former Tinian Municipal Council member who argued that the Tinian and Rota councils have actual functions and should not be abolished. Tebuteb said much money could be saved from eliminating municipal councils. If any municipality wants to keep its council, that local government should pay for council's operation.

March 10, 2008

Fitial says he will nix smoking ban plan

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said he will not support legislation recently introduced at the House of Representatives that seeks to ban smoking in restaurants, bars, and workplaces in the Northern Marianas. House Bill

16-47, sponsored by Rep. Justo S. Quitugua, proposes to make public places smoke-free. Exemptions include open-air bars, hotel rooms, and outdoor jobsites. "I'm against that because you know I just came back from Honolulu last year and I noticed that the occupancy at the hotel I usually stay in has gone down dramatically because the Japanese will never stay there anymore; they don't allow people to smoke anymore at that hotel," the CNMI's chief executive said in an interview Friday.

'Budget bill imperils funding for critical agencies'

A Saipan lawmaker said the appropriations bill passed by the House last Monday will put in doubt adequate funding for critical agencies because the \$164 million budget proposal sought to address the expected shortfall by plugging in Compact impact funds. Rep. Tina Sablan said the bill proposes to cut the budgets for certain critical agencies—Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Public School System, Northern Marianas College, Division of Youth Services, Department of Correction, and Public Defender—by hundreds of thousands, and in some cases millions, of dollars, and to replenish those accounts through Compact impact funding.



Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



Public Notice - Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Advisory Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Public Comments
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - February 27, 2013 minutes
- IV. MANAGEMENT REPORTS
 - A. Financial Report for FY 2013
 - B. Financial Report for 1st Quarter FY 2014
 - C. FY 2014 Project Plan & Budget
 - D. Revenue Collection Report for FY 2013
 - E. Revenue Collection Report for FY 2014
 - F. Department Heads Annual Reports & Performance Plans for 2014
 - G. Public Health Annual Report FY2013 & Performance Plan for 2014
 - H. Medical Staff Credentialing Report
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Special Committee: EHR for Rota & Tinian
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. CMS 2567 Reports and CHCC's Responses for Dialysis & Hospital
 - B. Departments & Divisions Performance Plans for FY 2014
 - C. Procurement of Equipment
 - D. HVAC
 - E. Key Positions Recruitment Update (CFO, DON, DPH Administrator, Hosp Administrator, QA Manager, Medical Staff, Compliance Mgr., Facilities Engineer)
 - F. ICS Collection
- VIII. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
 - Credentialing of Medical Staff
 - Radiology
 - Litigation Update
- IX. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Next Meeting
 - B. Adjournment

Licensing of social workers in CNMI

Effective March 10, 2014, no individual shall hold himself or herself out to practice as a baccalaureate (LBSW), master’s (LMSW) or clinical (LCSW) social worker unless the individual is licensed to practice as an LBSW, LMSW, or LCSW in the CNMI by the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.

The Health Care Professions Licensing Board has statutory power to promulgate and put into effect regulations for all health care professions pursuant to Public Law 15-105, Section 3, Section 2212 (d), including social workers, as amended.

The Health Care Professions Licensing Board adopted as permanent regulations the regulations for Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, Licensed Master’s Social Worker and the Licensed Clinical Social Worker, which were published in the *Commonwealth Register* at pages 34371-34387 in Volume 35, No. 10 on Oct. 28, 2013, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC Section 9104(a) and the notice of adoption of these regulations was published in the *Commonwealth Register* on

Feb. 28, 2014. Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC Section 9105(b), these adopted amendments are effective 10 days (March 10, 2014) after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC Section 9102 and 9104(a), which in this instance is 10 days after the publication in the *Commonwealth Register*.

Contact the HCPLB at (670)664-4809 or by email at bpl@pticom.com or come by our office located at Bldg. 1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capital Hill, Saipan, to get a copy of the licensing requirements and pick up an application. **(PR)**

Presentation on ancient Chamorro rock art Saturday

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council invites the public to a presentation on ancient Chamorro rock art that will be held at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park on Saturday, March 15, beginning at 6pm.

Visiting archaeologist Dr. Rosalind Hunter-Anderson will present the results of a recent pilot study to determine the composition and age of several ancient images that were painted on the walls of the Mahlac Cave in Guam. Her work was funded by a grant from the Guam Preservation Trust.

These painted images, known as pictographs, have been found in caves and rock shelters throughout the Mariana Islands. Pictographs come in a variety of motifs including human and

animal forms as well as more symbolic designs.

Hunter-Anderson will discuss the methods employed to identify the composition of the paint used to create a series of six images in the Mahlac Cave and how their ages were determined by radiocarbon analyses.

Hunter-Anderson, who holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico, first came to Micronesia in 1980 to undertake archaeological fieldwork in the Yap Islands. Over the following 25 years, she worked in several other areas in Micronesia including the Mariana Islands. She currently serves as an adjunct associate professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

This presentation is a part of

the Council’s ongoing Community Lecture Series. It is open to the public and free of charge. Call Council staff at 235-4787 for more information. **(Humanities Council)**

University Music Concert March 14-15

The University Singers and Jazz Ensemble will be performing songs from *Pitch Perfect* and *Sing-Off* at the University of Guam Fine Arts Theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, at 8pm. General admission is \$7. Senior and student admission is \$5, and children 12 and under are free. For more information, contact Dr. Randall Johnson at randalljohnson@guam.net or visit www.uog.edu. **(PR)**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

- Essential Accountabilities**
- People:
 - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
 - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
 - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
 - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
 - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
 - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
 - Financials:
 - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
 - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
 - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
 - Operations:
 - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
 - Raises the bar in operational execution
 - Assets:
 - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
 - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
 - Availability
 - Open availability.
 - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
 - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

- Required Skills**
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
 - Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
 - Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
 - Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
 - Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

- Essential Accountabilities**
- People:
 - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
 - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
 - Personally coaches staff
 - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
 - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
 - Financial
 - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
 - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
 - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
 - Operations
 - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
 - Raises the bar in operational execution
 - Assets:
 - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
 - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
 - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
 - Availability
 - Open availability.
 - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
 - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM) Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

- Essential Accountabilities**
- People
 - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
 - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
 - Personally coaches staff
 - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
 - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
 - Financial
 - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
 - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
 - Operations

- Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Crew Member (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC)

Summary of Responsibilities
Performs a variety of duties that may include the duties of a Telephone Person, Cashier, Register Person, Dough Person, Cut & Pack Cook, Maketable Pizza Preparer, Receiving & Stocking and Lot Person.

TELEPHONE PERSON

- Essential Functions**
- Answer telephone quickly within Pizza Hut guidelines.
 - Clearly communicate to customers all specials and promotions.
 - Accurately record customer orders on to POS system.
 - Communicate to make table personnel any special requests.
 - Keep counter and work area clean and organized at all times.

CASHIER

- Essential Functions**
- Ensures an accurate accounting of all transactions, collections and disbursements during work shift.
 - Receives cash drawer at beginning of work shift and verifies the accuracy by counting money in cash drawer.
 - Obtains and reviews information regarding price changes or menu specials.
 - Greet guests as they enter the dining area or carryout area.
 - May take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
 - Itemizes and totals guests' food and beverage purchases or may collect food and beverage checks from guests and ring them to the register.
 - Collects cash, checks, or charge payments from guests. Makes change for cash transactions, verifies identification for checks and prepares charge voucher for credit card purchases.
 - Counts money, checks, and charge payments in cash drawer at end of shift.
 - May reconcile checks, cash receipts and charge sales with total sales to verify accuracy of transactions.
 - Stocks counters, display refrigerators, salad bar, and steam table neatly, accurately and in a timely fashion as per menu.
 - Checks to ensure that all display foods are presented attractively as per standards.
 - Displays food under appropriate hot or cold conditions as per standards.
 - Keeps display equipment clean and free of debris during meal service, as assigned.
 - Cleans workstation thoroughly before leaving area assignment.
 - Relays relevant comments received from customers directly to supervisor.

REGISTER PERSON

- Essential Functions**
- Responsible for providing quick and efficient service to customers.
 - Greets customers and takes their food and beverage orders.
 - Accurately records customer's orders on to POS system and computes the amount of the bill.
 - Serves drinks from dispensing machines or makes and serves hot drinks from water heater or coffee maker.
 - Picks up food items from serving bar or storage area.
 - Places items on tray or in take-out containers.
 - Checks orders to ensure that guest is receiving a complete and correct order.
 - Informs kitchen staff of shortages or special requests.
 - Collects payment from guest and makes change.
 - Helps with preparation of food in kitchen.
 - Helps with getting back up food on line
 - Washes dishes.
 - Informs manager of stock levels.
 - Restocks drink station/supplies, paper.
 - Checks supplies in counter area - napkins, crushed peppers and cheese, and restocks items to ensure a sufficient supply throughout shift.
 - Wipes off front counter with cleaning solution and clean cloth. Keeps counter and floor clean at all times.
 - Cleans and restocks dining room.
 - Takes trash out to dumpster.
 - Performs long-term maintenance on sidewalks, walls, and equipment.
 - Sweeps and keeps exterior lot clean at all times throughout the shift.
- DOUGH PERSON**
- Essential Functions**
- Responsible for dough preparedness as prescribed from Manager In Charge
 - Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules, policies, and safety procedures.
 - Selects and transports raw items to work area and back.
 - Stores finished products in proper places.
 - Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare items as procedures require - dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer, bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller.

CUT & PACK COOK

- Essential Functions**
- Checks workstations for presence of small equipment, assembly materials, paper goods and condiments.
 - Responsible for product assembly, checks appearance and calls out preparation times for all orders.
 - Monitors oven setting according to Pizza Hut standards.
 - Checks all finished products to ensure compliance with Pizza Hut standards.
 - Communicates with make-table personnel, front line personnel and MIC for quality controls and feedback.

MAKE-TABLE PIZZA PREPARER

- Essential Functions**
- Responsible and required to prepare and assemble all products according to customer's order and according to Pizza Hut portioning specifications.
 - Sets up the make-table by checking the worktable, counter, dough cabinets, and line refrigeration to ensure they are properly stocked prior to the meal production period.
 - Checks all workstations (make-table, pasta) for presence of appropriate small equipment, assembly materials, and stock levels.
 - Monitors all food production areas for safety and sanitation practices and procedures. Checks for cleanliness and orderliness and provides direction/takes action as necessary.
 - Sets up production cycles, ensure proper inventory levels are available, and calls to back up or replenish items as necessary.

EMPLOYER'S RIGHTS: This job description does not list all the duties of the job. You may be asked by your supervisors or managers to perform other duties. You will be evaluated in part based upon your performance of the tasks listed in this job description. The employer has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not a contract for employment, and either you or the employer may terminate employment at any time, for any reason.

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- Reads order on video or printer as they appear. Calls out and coordinates specials/missing items to ensure quick service. Tracks preparation times on all orders (TITO), checks weight and appearance and passes item into oven.
- Periodically monitors need of food and materials supplies, takes action as necessary.
- Communicates clearly and effectively to food production personnel, receives information and feedback from them on their needs, and takes action based on observation and information received.
- Cleans and sanitizes workstations on an ongoing basis during meal preparation periods and at the end of the meal period.
- Monitors work of kitchen staff in the completion of their close-down duties and responsibilities.

WAIT HELP

- Essential Functions**
- Greets the guests as they enter the dining area.
 - Clearly communicate to customers all specials and promotions.
 - Take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
 - Attends to the needs of the customers.
 - Clears table when guests leave.
 - Wipes tables with cleaning solution and a clean cloth.
 - Performs secondary duties such as phone order taking, product preparation and restaurant maintenance.
 - Keeps dining area clean and organized at all times.
 - Relays relevant comments received from customers directly to supervisor.

RECEIVING & STOCKING

- Essential Functions**
- Responsible for the receipt and storage of all food, supplies and materials received in the restaurant using proper EXPERT, FIFO and Pizza Hut procedures.
 - Receives all food, supplies, and materials.
 - Checks all incoming items for count, quality and specification.
 - Ensures that items are received and stored at the proper temperatures.
 - Maintains the completion and compliance of all delivery and inventory records as defined by proper Pizza Hut procedures.
 - Keeps all storage areas and inventory in a neat and orderly fashion.
 - Maintains the quality of the restaurant products by ensuring that all inventory are dated properly before storing to effect proper FIFO usage.
 - Maintains the safety of the restaurant by ensuring that all storage areas are free of hazardous conditions.

LOT PERSON

- Essential Functions**
- Receives assignment from Manager In Charge at the start of shift.
 - Maintains cleanliness and sanitation of dining room including all tables, chairs, support bars, floors, windows, and trash receptacles.
 - Cleans and restocks drink station with ice and lids as needed.
 - Cleans and restocks restroom facilities with soap, toilet tissue and paper towels. Empties trash containers, cleans walls, doors, basin, mirrors, floors and toilets.
 - Maintains exterior cleanliness from litter and debris. Checks lighting, windows, landscape, parking lot, sidewalks, trash coral and signage.
 - Communicates with manager in charge to maintain cleanliness efficiency and ensures guest satisfaction. This includes assisting guests with trays and opening doors.
 - Follows priority sequence on lot checks, should take care of any eye soars first, such as spilled drinks, over flowing trash receptacles, etc.
 - Return trays to designated area to be cleaned.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Communicates clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers in English. Must possess basic math skills.

Required Experience

Food service and food production experience preferred. Cash handling experience preferred.

Education/Experience

High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements

Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must be able to occasionally lift 25 lbs.

Working Conditions

Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions

Delivery Driver (1)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions

- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements

Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions

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Making Russia reverse course

What's most important about the Ukraine military standoff is that it hasn't resulted in direct, armed confrontation. Given the high stakes and potential for superpower conflict, a shooting war must remain off the table as a way to resolve this crisis.

Russian President Vladimir Putin seems adamant that he will not back away from the military occupation of Ukraine's Crimean peninsula nor withdraw support for what he terms Crimea's "self-defense forces." There is little question that if Ukrainian military forces attempted to challenge Russia's occupation, a slaughter would ensue.

Ukrainian forces corralled in their bases and on naval ships in Crimea are refusing to renounce their loyalty to Kiev, and their valiant stand is sufficient to make the political point that Russia's aggression will not stand. The hard part is devising a Western response that gets the point across to Putin while leaving him a dignified way to reverse course and leave.

Putin might have a point about the unconstitutional nature of the massive protest movement that prompted a parliamentary vote for President Viktor Yanukovich's ouster. Even though his administration was rife with corruption, less than a year remained before voters could choose his successor at the polls.

A face-saving option would be for the West to work with Putin to organize internationally certified elections—provided Crimea votes as part of a sovereign, united Ukraine. (Let's set aside, for a moment, the obvious contradiction that Putin feels so strongly about preserving democracy that he would invade Crimea, yet he stands firmly in defense of Bashar Assad, the unelected, anti-democratic, brutal dictator of Syria.)

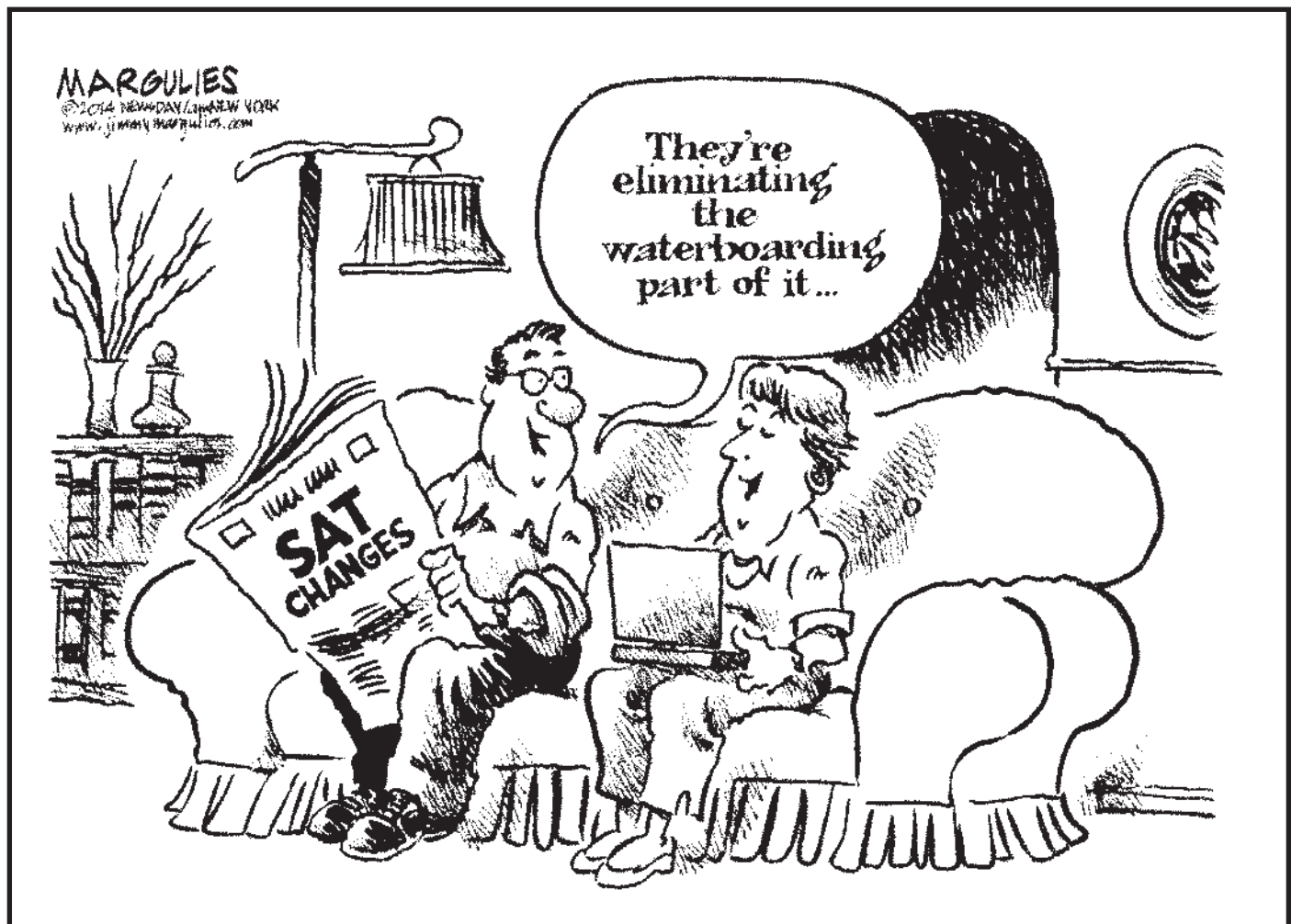
To bring Putin around, he needs to feel some discomfort. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel correctly took the initial steps Wednesday by announcing beefed-up NATO air patrols in the Baltics, military training with Poland and a cancellation of Russian-U.S. exercises.

Travel restrictions for key Russian business magnates allied with Putin would get his attention very quickly. A cancellation of the upcoming G-8 summit in Sochi, Russia, combined with restrictions on Russian hard-currency transactions abroad would send the ruble's value plummeting and put severe pressures on Russia's central bank.

Yes, Putin almost certainly would retaliate, as he already is threatening to do. But he has a limited ability to withstand sustained pressure while drawing heavily on Russian central bank reserves to keep his economy afloat.

The goal should be to drive this crisis home to Putin's doorstep, forcing him to choose between domestic economic calamity and continued occupation of Crimea. To make Putin's choices as clear as possible, major European powers must stop their equivocating and get on board with sanctions. That won't be easy or convenient, but it's a far better option than allowing Russia's aggression to go unchecked.

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Bol'shoye spasibo pozhalujsta Rossiyskaya Federatsiya

One of the big surprises I had last week on Saipan was the number of Russian tourists in the hotels I visited after three years' absence on island. I used to snorkel on the reefs at PIC where a handful of Russians would be in the lobby. Last week, I kicked myself in the butt for not paying more attention to russkij jazyk (Russian) and the Cyrillic (alphabet).

Russia is in the news. Of course, the dickheads in Washington and Brussels immediately threatened economic reprisals when non-descript forces neutralized Ukrainian forces stationed in the Crimea. I will not rehearse Crimea's history here but not unlike Taiwan to China, it used to be part of Russia until Khrushchev in '54 unilaterally ceded it to Ukraine, a part of the then-USSR. A majority of Crimea's population are native Russians, so are those in the eastern part of Ukraine bordering Russia. Obama was not born yet!

I am not for military invasion of any sovereign state by another. It is heartening to watch one of the anchors at the Russia State TV "talk from the heart" about how wrong it was to send the military in what is now dubbed by Western media as Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

Putin went on TV where he explained the state of the alleged armed conflict, noting that not a shot had been made, and does not expect a shooting war to ensue where a majority of the Russian population resides. The immediate title of a news release was of Putin losing his cool.

My country's record is not a happy one. When U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt wanted to build the Panama Canal to cut the cost of crossing from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the territory belonged to Columbia. The U.S. organized local business interests to declare their independence and Teddy got his canal.

Lest I am pigeon holed as un-American, polls in the U.S. reveal widespread sentiment against American intervention in Crimea. I cringe at the language being used by John Kerry, reminiscent of our pronouncements during the Libyan and Syrian uprisings. I vote DP or Independent but some of Obama's Washington positions would not be mine. Perhaps Ukraine gets the steam off the stalemate in Syria.

The U.S. during the cold war with USSR had Turkey as one of its defense lines. A bit of its territory west of the Dardanelles is Europe; east is Asia. In a time of devolution of centralized powers, the Pentagon is intent on keeping the national boundaries that were left over from colonial times. Allies after WWII agreed not to mess up sovereign states delineated by former occupying powers. The Tutsi and the Hutu rivalries resulted in the Rwandan genocide when Belgium pulled out of the Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi. The Hausa, Yoruba, and Igbo are three nations in Nigeria but it is kept together. Oil in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Kenya is wreaking havoc on tribal relations.

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The USSR kept a federation that spoke Russian in Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, widely spoken in Ukraine, Moldova, Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. It was taught in the other former Socialist Soviet Republics.

Crimea is a walk in the park compared to the turmoil going on in Syria and Thailand. The only reason Thailand remained sovereign was its buffering function between the French and the British colonies. Central Thailand relates more to Kampuchea, while its southern peninsula culturally relate to the Malays, and the northern mountain folks to the mountainous Indochina and southwestern China.

Sovereign demarcation lines dictated by former colonial powers are suspect. The devolution of power happening in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines will result in more conflicts in the next two decades. Brunei's royalty is a travesty of modern democratic tradition but England supports it because of its oil, in the same way that Kuwait was carved out of Iraq for the same reason. Timor Leste (literally, east-east) was promised processing and storage structures for its offshore oil and gas reserves (that's right, other than its being a former Portuguese colony, it also has oil), which has yet to materialize. It's Petroleum Fund pays for running its government since independence, though Starbuck buys its coffee that contributes to revenues. It is the outsiders that benefit from Timor's natural resource.

For now, Russia is the bad guy; Putin, the cool but sensual President with the bare chest and abs, is the devil. In Shiwei in the border of China and Russia on the Argun-Amur River were fluent Chinese-speaking Aryan Russians and fluent Russian-speaking Chinese. The shooting wars on disputed territories, mostly islands in the river, near Manzhouli in Inner Mongolia, and Heihe in Dong Bei (Manchuria) in '69 were triggered by sovereignty claims. It is now conceded that sovereign lines are Beijing-Moscow concerns, not those of the people on the ground.

It would be a crime if Crimea erupts into a shooting war, and it can happen if the armed buttheads in the U.S. and the EU dick their way. Maybe Merkel can turn *femme fatale* for a change and get us out of the fray. *Nein*.

Relishing moments alone

There are many things that elude our understanding or things happen without our knowing why. We'd quiz if "understanding" is an absolute necessity or would it not be better "accepting" the supposed nature of things or probe for the "truth" as we move along.

Sometime, we find ourselves alone in situations like running in unfamiliar woods. The lack of first-hand knowledge makes vital that we watch our step in front for it is the most important ones. Have we been paying attention to our "step in front?" Or have we been negligent?

Meditation. For mental acuity, I'd venture into reading the Holy Bible, beginning with the five books upon which was written the greatest book. I've gone through them at least thrice. Unfortunately, I'm still far from securing fair understanding of the depth of the materials as explained by superb literary authors.

It triggers the brain to sail into uncharted territory as you meditate upon what was said. It's simple lessons from history written in simple English, though loaded with depth and wisdom. Challenging, though, the intellectual meditation in quietude.

Though each trip turns into greater clarity, it also brings up more than my share of questions. The amalgam of scholarly review by superb evangelists ensures each chapter accurately depicts the life of the Lord and His mandates. Literary garb was deleted to keep its integrity. I've come across myths I can't resolve. I surrendered to "acceptance" for there's also another term waiting that is far more humbling, "faith." Employing existentialism is irrelevant in this case.

Christ told the Israeli teacher Nicodemus that believing in God turns into eternal life—the quality of life—rather than time duration. He seemed exasperated with him for not understanding the terms "begotten" and "spirit" per the word of God the Father through Moses.

How then could he understand heavenly matters? Said Christ, "The wind blows where it will, you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from, or where it goes..." It must be the pretense and confusion, braving materi-

als he doesn't understand.

Front step: Then I ventured into walking in unfamiliar woodland. My focus is the use of caution, specifically the step in front of me as I reach forward holding unto fragile branches and loose boulders. Though cautious I may be especially around ravines, there's always the chance of a fatal slip in the dark. Thus the cautious and measured steps as I move about.

Truth: My eyes were set on the eight-legged creature while my mind wanders off, debating about the meaning of the word "truth." But why would I be dealing with abstracts in the woods? Perhaps it was the treasured moment of solitude. I was actually thinking, no longer hunting.

So I'd weave in and out of the query. The origin of the thought of the term truth must have hailed from my profession as a journalist grounded on the foundation to search for the truth on each trip to the mound.

It reminds me of Mathatma Ghandi's book, *An Experiment with Truth*, analyzed by an established writer. Said he, "Truth, like love, defines itself only at moments of difficulty. It is so much easier to tell the truth on a sunny day than on a day when the sky is darkened by clouds of apprehension and danger.

"I tell you the truth, Peter," said Jesus, "this very night before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me."

"Even among men of great mettle, the temptation for self-preservation can prove to be a powerful force. Among lesser men, self-advancement can be sufficient impetus for treading on a path of lies.

"In the end, truth offers no rewards; it is reward unto itself. The king may wear satin and the poor man his tattered clothes, but he who wears the truth wears the crown."

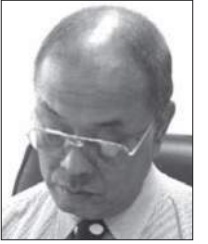
Indeed, there may be a chasm between truth that is spoken and truth that is understood by others, but "the residence of Truth sits on unshifting, even ground." Do I understand and accept the truth? Indeed, though challenging the depth of biblical passages.

The KISS concept

With a population of less than 60,000 people, I'm often puzzled by

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the magnitude of problems we've worked up for nearly four decades now.

Are issues of significance really that complicated or is it more the absence of the proactive use of our culture of responsibility to move forward by resolving them on a timely basis? Why the apparent dismissive attitude, like time is always in our hands? Any realistic idea where we are today? Haven't we royally "advanced to the rear"?

Leave your frustrations and ill-conceived pipedreams behind and resolutely reset your button. In doing so, you must use the concept, "Keep It Simple, Stupid" or KISS. This grants you the opportunity resolve issues simply and on a timely basis.

Yes, there are issues of substance and magnitude requiring the contributions of key sectors of the Northern Marianas community. It doesn't, however, absolve you from working on urgent matters of state. Oh, KISS it?

Casualties galore

The CNMI is a casualty of Obamacare that literally robbed families of a sizeable chunk of what's left in the family pocketbook. Perhaps our so-called "esteemed" Delegate Kilili has an explanation for the thousands of adversely affected families Marianas-wide.

There's the other group of casualties—retirees that have to deal with a double whammy—searching for answers atop the vicious hit with a 40-percent increase in health premium. The cocktail of increases hasn't stopped: power bills and food commodities ready to fire off into the heavens. Seesuzzzz!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Test of leadership: Vetoing the exclusive casino bill

Dear Gov. Eloy S. Inos: House Bill 18-179 that was just passed by the Legislature requires your immediate attention and veto. As you know, this bill was railroaded without any comments from the general public. I was the only one who stood up, raising some concerns during both of the sessions when this bill was passed.

If one looks at the key contents/provisions of this bill, he or she will find that this bill has been rigged to the maximum, tailor-made for an investor from HK/Macau. In fact, senators and a representative (all your cronies in the Legislature) traveled at one time or another to HK/Macau/Singapore for wining and dining during the past five months.

My main concerns about this bill are as follows:

When is the Lottery Commission in the business of issuing the exclusive casino license when the Casino Commission is the appropriate place for casino licenses to be issued? The Lottery Commission's decision will be a one-man decision similar to the corrupted \$190 million power plant deal. In the end, whatever the Lottery Commission decides, you will have the final decision

or direct influence.

Why can't this exclusive casino license be bidden out to the best and most responsible bidder and given the proper deadlines for serious investors to respond? What is so difficult about doing what is in the best interest of our people? Why rush the bill and railroad it down the throats of our people and is this the best way to do it?

Are you absolutely certain that this bill provides the best deal for our people now and the next 40 years? What about the 100 percent tax rebate on gross gaming revenues?

Our government needs to be more transparent and accountable, and we must learn our lessons from history, or at least from recent history. We need to have a process that promotes integrity and trust. We need to get more serious and more responsible investors to come to our islands to invest.

But how can it be possible to attract the best of investors to our islands if our very own leaders do not believe in doing the right thing when it comes to a selection process that clearly lacks integrity and

transparency and accountability and fairness? In government, this is what I know—maintaining and sustaining public trust is most important!

Our people have been enduring all kinds of pains and sufferings during the past 10 years. Their standard of living have gone down substantially, our healthcare services remain poor, and their pension savings have been reduced exponentially, while paying more than double in utilities.

While "quick-fix" schemes may help with some of our most urgent problems, they may prove fatal over the longer term, most especially if selfish interests are in play.

Your vetoing of this bill and your bringing to a closure the extradition request by the Legislature at the earliest opportunity will be the true test of your leadership and electability this November, only a few months away!

Juan S. Demapan

San Vicente, Saipan

Political leaders or cowards: You decide voters

There are many alternatives to casinos but our governor and few others continue shouting their claim that only casinos can save us and he is killing anything that gets in the way of casinos like the ferry service and now the legalization. The people are not stupid and I'm not going to stand still and let the governor kill this chance for economic recovery like he did the ferry because in reality we are still no better off than we were two years ago when Inos took over.

The problem has always been that no one in the Legislature has been willing to present an alternative to Fitial's and Inos' casino plan in over 10 years. Our leaders are *kadu ku* if you think the people are going to trust you in November again when you couldn't find one alternative to casinos in 10 years. Voters in the CNMI and the mainland can see the great economic potential in legalizing pot and we are sick and tired of casino talk that has held us like political hostages. Enough is enough!

I will be the first to say yes, some people did change their minds to accept casinos but they are even mad as their decision was made under the pure duress of our past and present governors' unwillingness to offer any alternative to casinos. The people have been bamboozled for the past 10 years and I know why. FYI readers, I can remember having a conversation with Gov. Fitial when I was trying to help the Fund. I asked him, why didn't the Legislature follow him on the simple fee

sale? His exact words were, "They are a bunch of cowards" which he also told them in a meeting with the Legislature. His words are proving to be prophetic as they have failed to present one alternative: The simple fee sale with a property tax offered over \$400 million to the Fund's solution and the only thing that would change is that the lease payments would become tax payments because the government would still retain virtual ownership of the property. So the simple fee sale, Article 12, the ferry service, the CNMI-owned lottery for Micronesia and now the legalization of marijuana with hundreds of millions on the line are all excellent alternatives to casinos but not so much as a whisper from the Legislature—just casinos! Are voters supposed to believe that no one in the Legislature supports any of these alternatives, because if you do you need to speak up now before Election Day.

We are supposed to have an adversarial government with representatives on both sides of the aisle to get the best solutions. A primary reason we endured the casino talk for over a decade is that no one was on the other side of the aisle, meaning they all (or at least most of them) came from the same GOP tree and want the same thing—casino—and not a Democrat in sight to hold the GOP accountable. This is the phenomenon I referred to us having a sick democracy with only one party, which is like trying to run a marathon with one sick

lung. Political scientists refer to this phenomenon as checks and balances, which explains why we haven't progressed—no checks and balances within or by the Legislature. The only check on our leaders is on Election Day but I'm sure there are going to be some Democrats elected to finally place a check in the Legislature and on the governor.

P.S.: On a personal note, I'm really just feed up with our malfunctioning Legislature. But believe it or not, I actually like many of our leaders as some of them are my uncles and my friend. But for me, the people and the welfare of our Commonwealth comes before any personal relationships. I hope that none of them will take this personal but as constructive criticism to start leading. Do your job and hold the Executive Branch accountable. It is clear the governor doesn't want the people to even have a chance of legalizing marijuana because it will kill his casino push. But I will share with our leaders what Dr. King asked me and others in a gathering during the civil rights movement: If not *you*, then *who* (in the Legislature) and if not *now* then *when* will one or more of our leaders take a stand to lead on the legalization of marijuana? Do we really have to be last in America on this too?






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Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 74
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 76
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 80

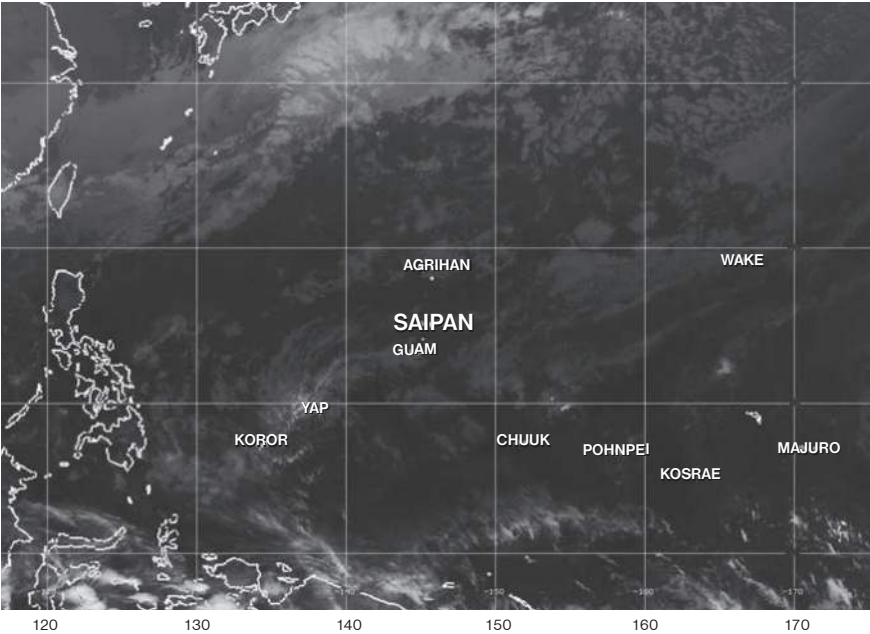
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Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 49 ▼ 33
Hong Kong	Showers	▲ 67 ▼ 64
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 79 ▼ 70
London	Cloudy	▲ 55 ▼ 37
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 60
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 66
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 48 ▼ 38
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 53 ▼ 41
Paris	Fog	▲ 64 ▼ 42
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 54 ▼ 47
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 42
Salem	Showers	▲ 57 ▼ 38
San Francisco	Showers	▲ 65 ▼ 51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 35
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 52 ▼ 37
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 43

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
5:21 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
10:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	
3:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet	
10:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front stretches southwestward from 25N165E to 20N152E then continues southwestward as a shear line to 15N135E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are found along and up to 380 miles northwest of this feature. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers over Yap state and Guam within 150 miles of a line from 9N136E to 14N146E. Another shear line runs southwestward from 15N163E to 11N150E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are located north of Chuuk and Pohnpei along and up to 230 miles northwest of this boundary.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:29 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	6:28 AM	6:27 PM
Wednesday	6:27 AM	6:27 PM
Thursday	6:27 AM	6:27 PM
Friday	6:26 AM	6:27 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:14 PM	1:33 AM
Tuesday	2:03 PM	2:19 AM
Wednesday	2:51 PM	3:03 AM
Thursday	3:40 PM	3:45 AM
Friday	4:28 PM	4:26 AM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
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NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Possible bio-control eyed for Guam's rhino beetles

The University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service Agriculture and Natural Resources unit has been working with visiting insect pathologist from New Zealand, Dr. Sean Marshall, to test bio-control measures for the coconut rhinoceros beetles that have been plaguing Guam for over six years. Marshall brought with him several strains of the highly specific *Oryctes* virus that have been successfully used in Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Palau, and other Pacific islands for CRB control.

"A strain of this virus was

previously disseminated to Guam's rhino beetle populations in 2010, but results were surprisingly disappointing," said University of Guam entomologist Dr. Aubrey Moore. "We are working to find out what went wrong with our first attempt and find a strain of the virus that will work here."

Marshall was in Guam in January and is still analyzing data from these experiments as well as conducting ongoing bioassays to match the most effective virus strain to Guam's rhino beetles. He is feeling more opti-

mistic on this visit. He has been dissecting dead beetles that were exposed to the virus and the post-mortem indicates the virus killed them.

As a scientist with AgResearch Limited in New Zealand, Marshall cultivates the *Oryctes* virus in his laboratory. "While trying to understand why the first attempts to use this virus did not go well on Guam [but have worked on other island CRB populations], I decided to do a comparative DNA analysis of CRB and discovered the Guam population was different from beetles found in Samoa, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Diego Garcia, and Malaysia," said Marshall.

He is continuing to collect and analyze DNA samples of



A coconut rhinoceros beetle found in Guam.

UOG

beetles from the Philippines and Palau, hoping to under-

stand where the rhino beetles in Guam originated. "It is very in-

teresting to note that Marshall's DNA studies have also shown that the CRB recently found in Hawaii appear to be genetically identical to Guam's beetles," said Moore.

Marshall has recently had his applications approved by the New Zealand government to bring live CRB into his lab in order to continue his experiments to test bio-control isolates with pest genotypes and assist University of Guam scientists in their efforts to save Guam's palm trees.

"We hope to secure funding to keep this important work ongoing and contain the rhino beetle populations on Guam and keep them from spreading any further into the region," said Moore. (UOG)

Operation on safe movement of container cargo via Guam port

APRA HARBOR, Guam—A multi-agency strike force operation was held at the Port of Guam on Wednesday March 5, 2014, in an effort to enhance the safe movement of cargo while deterring and detecting contraband moving through the port.

The operation brought together 10 different agencies that included the U.S. Coast Guard, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Guam Customs and Quarantine, Guam Office of Tax and Revenue, Guam Police Department, Port Authority of Guam and the Port Police. A total of 66 agents, officers, and inspectors participated in this enforcement operation.

The primary objective of the MASFO was to ensure compliance with federal and territorial regulations pertaining to the safe shipment of cargo. The MASFO was comprised of two inspection teams located within the Port of Guam and at the new weigh station on Route 11

that screened both inbound and outbound cargo. Leveraging the jurisdictional authorities of each agency, the inter-agency teams inspected freight containers, vehicles, and portable tanks ensuring compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code as well as Guam Custom regulations.

"The MASFO was a great example of interagency cooperation," said Captain Casey White, commanding officer of Coast Guard Sector Guam. "These inspections align with the shared mutual objective of facilitating the safe and timely flow of commerce through the maritime and highway modes of transportation. Our desire is to make this operation a routine activity to deter, detect, and enforce maritime and custom laws."

The operation resulted in 58 containerized cargo inspections, 23 vehicle inspections, and 35 Transportation Worker Identification Credentials checks; resulting in holds or detentions of one container, three vehicle violations, and one arrest. (USCG)

Too many players, too few results

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—The Secretariat of the Pacific Community is leveraging its expertise across multiple sectors, including in health, climate change and fisheries, to deliver more comprehensive results for Pacific Island countries and territories.

"We are changing the way we work and repositioning ourselves to provide more coordinated and high quality technical, scientific and policy advice to our members," said SPC's new director-general, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga.

As Tukuitonga prepares for his first high-level meeting with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, one of the region's largest donors, he has questioned the costs and benefits of the crowded development space in the Pacific region.

"There is a plethora of organizations involved and yet the impact is uncertain," said Tukuitonga.

The region receives the high-

est per capita development dollars in the world and yet many Pacific people continue to live in unacceptable conditions. Large numbers of children are not enjoying the benefits of education and basic health care is not available to all.

"Many of the agencies that operate in the Pacific region do so in relative isolation, and only focus on one priority area," said Tukuitonga.

With over 65 years of experience in the Pacific, the intergovernmental organization is well placed to respond to PICTs' diverse needs.

"We work hard to tailor development solutions to specific country circumstances based on the available scientific evidence, and an in-depth understanding of the Pacific social, cultural and political environment," said Tukuitonga. "Yet there is more to be done and SPC's broad mandate and multi-sectoral approach gives us a distinct advantage." (SPC)



GLEE CLUB

Members of the Marianas High School Glee Club have their picture taken after their successful performance at the Tumon Bay Music Festival in Guam.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

2 Malaysians get 2 years in prison for credit card fraud

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced last week that Kuan Siong Tan, age 23, and Choon Boon Tan, age 27, both citizens of Malaysia, were sentenced on March 5, 2014, in the District Court of Guam, for their convictions of aggravated identity theft.

Each defendant was sentenced to a 24-month prison term to be followed by three years of supervised release. They were also ordered to pay restitution to the victims of their criminal conduct in the amount of \$634.42 for Choon Boon Tan and \$1,961.43 for Kuan Siong Tan.

On Jan. 8, 2013, Kuan Siong Tan and Choon Boon Tan entered Guam from Malaysia. A secondary inspection by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency was conducted, and the defendants were found with several fake credit cards. Prior to their arrival into Guam, the defendants used counterfeit credit cards to fraudulently obtain goods and services from a hotel and merchants in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Bangkok, Thailand.

Kuan Siong Tan possessed 47 counterfeit cards while Choon Boon Tan possessed 39 such cards. Some of the credit cards were encoded with stolen credit

card account information of account holders in the U.S. mainland with institutions such as Chase Bank, Bank of America, and Capital One Bank.

Kuan Siong Tan and Choon Boon Tan were arrested on Jan. 8, 2013, by agents with the Homeland Security Investigations and the U.S. Secret Service.

Limtiaco said: "Identity theft and related white-collar and financial fraud crimes victimize individuals, financial institutions and merchants. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands and the Department of Justice are committed

to combating identity theft and other white-collar and financial fraud crimes. We will continue to dedicate federal resources effectively to prevent, investigate, and prosecute the unlawful use of identifying information. Federal and local law enforcement are committed to protecting our community and consumers against theft, fraud, and other related criminal activity."

This case was investigated by special agents from the Department of Homeland Security/Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Secret Service and prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney Stephen F. Leon Guerrero. (USAO)

16th Annual High School Mock Trial Competition

PHOTOS by THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



Saipan Southern High School students and their teacher coach Frank Borja look over the case material before entering the first round of last Friday's 16th Annual Mock Trial.



Students from Tinian, Saipan, and Rota show school pride during the mock trial banquet at Kanoa Resort.



Students and their coaches wait for the results at Kanoa Resort.



Mock Trial coordinator Deanna Manglona Ogo announces the championship team winner.



The most effective prosecution attorneys pose for a photo. MBA's Yui Ito, left, and Tinian's Kyle Sandbergen, right, bagged the award.



MCS' Amanlina Evangelista is presented with the Best Defense Witness plaque.



Tinian's Keithley Marquez is awarded the Best Prosecution Witness plaque.



The most effective defense attorneys, from left, MCS' Andrea Maese, MHS' Angela Aninon, and MHS' Michael Johnson.



MCS' Team 1, second place finishers, pose for a photo with their attorney-coach Joe Tajeron Jr. and teacher-coach Galvin Deleon Guerrero.



The Rota team, left, garnered the Supreme Court professionalism award along with MCS' team two, right.



Rota's Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School student Randee-jo Barcinas, left, questions Marianas High School's Matthew Lopez as he demonstrates a self-defense position during his cross-examination portraying his role as the Anatahan police chief Cory Gamson.



Mount Carmel School students, from left, Jacqueline Doctor, Arron Cushing, and You Jin Jun smile for the *Saipan Tribune* during their second round as the prosecution.



Associate Justice John Manglona, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, court finance manager J.D. Tenorio, and other court employees share a light moment during last Friday's intermission before the competition's 3rd round.



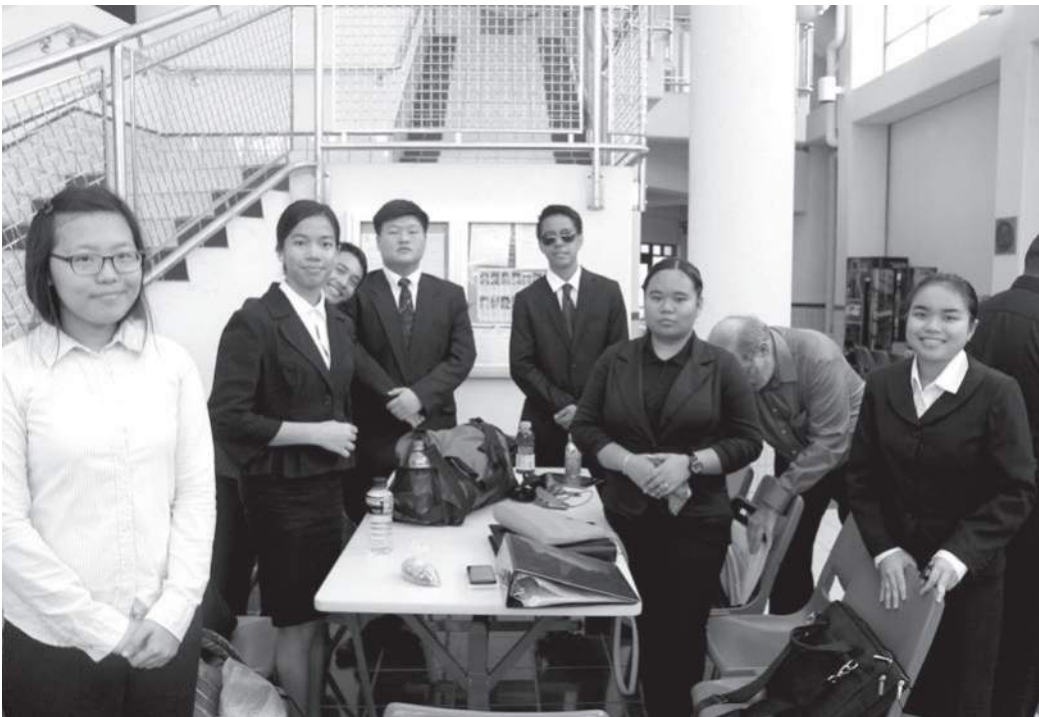
Marianas Baptist Academy team members pose for a photo Friday evening before leaving the Guma Hustisia.



Rota Mock Trial members, from left, Raenna Aldabe, Randee-jo Barcinas, and Antonette Sabangan pose for a photo before arguing the defenses' side of Commonwealth v. Erin Napu.



MCS' student witnesses David Kim, Zeno Deleon Guerrero, and Ginny Wu raise their hands to take the witness oath during the final round of Friday's mock trial.



Marianas High School's team 1 are all smiles before entering the courtroom to face other schools at last week's Mock Trial.



Marianas High School

Business

Boeing 777: 1 of the most popular, safest jets

NEW YORK (AP)—The Boeing 777 flown by Malaysia Airlines that disappeared Saturday morning over the South China Sea is one of the world's most popular—and safest—jets.

The long-range jumbo jet has helped connect cities at the far ends of the globe, with flights as long as 16 hours. But more impressive is its safety record: The first fatal crash in its 19-year history only came last July when an Asiana Airlines jet landed short of the runway in San Francisco. Three of the 307 people aboard died.

Airlines like the plane because it is capable of flying extremely long distances thanks to two giant engines. Each engine is so massive that a row of at least five coach seats could fit inside it. By having just two engines, the plane burns through less fuel than four-engine jets,

like the Boeing 747, which it has essentially replaced.

"It has provided a new standard in both efficiency and safety," said Richard Aboulafia, an aviation consultant with the Teal Group. "The 777 has enjoyed one of the safest records of any jetliner built."

Besides last year's Asiana crash, the only other serious incident with the 777 came in January 2008 when a British Airways jet landed about 1,000 feet (305 meters) short of the runway at London's Heathrow Airport.

Malaysia Airlines did have an incident in August 2005 with a 777 flying from Perth, Australia, to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's largest city. While flying 38,000 feet (11,580 meters) above the Indian Ocean, the plane's software incorrectly measured speed and accelera-

tion, causing the plane to suddenly shoot up 3,000 feet (915 meters). The pilot disengaged the autopilot and descended and landed safely back in Perth. A software update was quickly made on planes around the world.

Malaysia Airlines has 15 Boeing 777-200ER jets in its fleet of about 100 planes. The first was delivered on April 23, 1997. The most recent on Dec. 13, 2004, according to Boeing. The 200ER is one of four versions of the 777.

The 777 is capable of flying 7,250 miles nonstop. Its two Rolls-Royce Trent 875 engines each have 74,600 pounds (33.8 tons) of thrust, letting the plane cruise at Mach 0.84, or nearly 640 mph. (1,000 kph).

A new model has a list price of \$261.5 million, although airlines typically negotiate discounts.

Japan sees future business in Fukushima cleanup

TOKYO (AP)—There is something surprising in the radioactive wreck that is the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant: opportunity. To clean it up, Japan will have to develop technology and expertise that any nation with a nuclear reactor will one day need.

Eyeing dozens of aging reactors at home and hundreds of others worldwide that eventually need to be retired, Japanese industry sees a profitable market for decommissioning expertise.

It may sound surprising, given all the ongoing problems with the coastal Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, including massive leaks of contaminated water and other mishaps that followed its devastation by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

But many experts and industry officials say the experience and technology such as robotics being developed can be used in any decommissioning in the future. That could

represent new opportunities for Japan Inc., which has lost some of its global clout to competitors from countries such as South Korea, China and the U.S.

"There is decommissioning business here beyond Fukushima and it's a worldwide business," said Lake Barrett, a former U.S. nuclear regulator who headed the Three Mile Island cleanup. "I think it's an exciting new area," he said. "Japan can be a world leader again."

Japan's government hopes an offshoot will a boom in the country's nuclear technology exports.

Japan on Tuesday marks the third anniversary of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters known as 3.11 that killed 15,884 people and left 2,636 unaccounted for in vast areas of its northern coast. The country has struggled to rebuild tsunami-hit communities and to clean up radiation from the nuclear crisis, and has earmarked 25 trillion yen (\$250

billion) for reconstruction through March 2016. About 50,000 people from Fukushima are still unable to return home due to concerns over radiation.

Despite the Fukushima meltdowns that experts say are far more challenging to deal with than the 1979 Three Mile Island meltdown, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is eager to sell Japan's nuclear plants and technology overseas. He boasts that Japan can offer the world's highest safety standards that reflect lessons learned from Fukushima.

More than 400 nuclear reactors are already in operation in more than 30 countries, with dozens more under construction. More new reactors are expected, including hundreds planned in China alone by 2050.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that runs Fukushima Dai-ichi, is setting up a separate company in April to clean up the plant.

that bursts out with big increases in spending and debt," said David Berson, an economist at Nationwide Financial.

Some economists also suggested that having endured harsh weather, the economy may be poised to pick up soon.

"If not for poor weather conditions, job growth would have been stronger," said Michelle Meyer, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. "This suggests we should see solid gains ... in coming months."

The figures were a welcome surprise after recent economic data showed that severe weather had closed factories, lowered auto sales and slowed home purchases. Along with a sharp increase in wages last month, the jobs report indicated confidence among some employers that consumer spending will increase in the near future.

Nation

Mom accused of driving into surf goes before judge



In this March 4, 2014 file image made from video, a lifeguard carries one of the three children rescued from a minivan that their mother, Ebony Wilkerson, drove into the Atlantic in Daytona Beach, Fla.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A pregnant South Carolina woman pointed to the ocean, locked the doors and rolled up the windows, telling her three children she was "trying to take them to a better place" as she drove her minivan into the surf, authorities said.

Ebony Wilkerson even tried to call off bystanders hustling to rescue her screaming children from the water, saying "everyone was OK" as she left the van in the ocean, an affidavit said. Wilkerson, 32, is charged with three counts of attempted murder and three counts child abuse causing great bodily harm.

Volusia County Court Judge Shirley Green found probable cause for the charges during Wilkerson's first appearance in court Saturday and set her bond at \$1.2 million. A date for an arraignment was not released.

The bystanders and beach safety officers, paying no attention to the mother, pulled the two girls and a boy, ages 3, 9 and 10, through the windows to safety Tuesday on Daytona Beach.

Later, Wilkerson denied trying to hurt her children, telling investigators she was driving too close to the water, "and the waves pulled her in," according to the charging affidavit.

Her children told investigators another story.

"Mom tried to kill us," they told detectives, according to the document. "Mom is crazy."

Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson said Wilkerson, of North Charleston, was in the

custody of the sheriff's office after being hospitalized for a mental evaluation.

The children told authorities they had come to Florida from South Carolina earlier in the week to escape their father. They described a history of violence between their parents, and they said their mother had been "acting crazy and speaking to Jesus" since they had come to stay with Wilkerson's sister in Daytona Beach.

The sister, Jessica Harrell, didn't return a phone call from The Associated Press, but she was worried about Wilkerson's mental health and called a 911 dispatcher hours before the minivan ended up in the ocean.

When she was driving into the ocean, one of the children asked her what she was doing, and she said: "I am keeping us all safe," according to the affidavit. The boy tried to wrestle the steering wheel away from Wilkerson.

"She told them to close their eyes and go to sleep. She was trying to take them to a better place," Johnson said at a news conference.

A child also lowered the windows and the siblings yelled for help, attracting the bystanders.

"I've got to do this," Wilkerson told bystander Stacy Robinson as he attempted to intervene, according to the affidavit.

One of the rescuers, Tim Tesseneer, said Wilkerson's eyes were wide open and she looked "possessed." Wilkerson tried to prevent a beach safety officer from entering the vehicle to rescue the toddler who was the last to be removed from the minivan,

Tesseneer told detectives. The children are with the Department of Children and Families.

Two days before what happened on the beach, Wilkerson told North Charleston police that she was in a violent fight with her husband of 14 years at a hotel room in Myrtle Beach and had gone to a hospital for treatment, according to an incident report. She also told police that after she packed up the car and kids at their apartment, her husband made a motion as if he was going to grab her, but she got into the car before he could, the report said.

She then went to Wal-Mart to cash in some coins so she'd have money for the trip. She reported that she felt a man was staring at her and followed her at the store and to the North Charleston City Hall where police were called. Officers said they gave her a form for a protective order. She refused being taken to a shelter since she was going to Florida.

Myrtle Beach police say they are investigating what happened at the hotel but no charges were filed. Phone numbers for Wilkerson's husband were disconnected.

Her sister told the 911 dispatcher she had tried to take Wilkerson to a hospital the day before the minivan ended up in the surf but Wilkerson had checked herself out. She said Wilkerson had been abused by her husband and that police should check on her.

US job gain despite freeze raises economic hopes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Job growth in the United States has proved surprisingly consistent.

Brutal winter weather snarled traffic, canceled flights and cut power to homes and factories in February. Yet it didn't faze U.S. employers, who added 175,000 jobs, far more than the two previous months.

Modest but steady hiring has become a hallmark of a nearly 5-year-old economic rebound that remains sluggish yet strikingly resilient. The economy has been slowed by political gridlock, harsh weather and global crises. But those disruptions have not derailed growth.

Though the unemployment rate rose to 6.7 percent from a five-year low of 6.6 percent, it did so for an encouraging reason: More people began seek-

ing work. The unemployment rate ticked up because most did not immediately find jobs.

Friday's report from the Labor Department suggested that a long-hoped-for acceleration in growth and hiring still has not occurred. But that might not be all bad: Households have pared debt and avoided the excessive spending and borrowing that have undercut explosive economies in the past.

Total U.S. credit card debt is still 14 percent lower than before the Great Recession began in December 2007, according to the Federal Reserve.

And moderate but consistent hiring still means more people have money to spend.

"A modest expansion may very well last longer than one

ACROSS THE NATION

Family says Texas man on missing Malaysian plane

KELLER, Texas (AP)—The family of Philip Wood says the IBM employee was on board the Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 that went missing over the sea while en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, China. Les Williams, a family friend, says Wood was on board the plane but declined to elaborate, saying the family will issue a statement Monday. Williams spoke Saturday from the Keller, Texas, home of Aubrey Wood, the passenger's father. A LinkedIn profile that Williams says belongs to Wood, says he is a Technical Storage Executive at IBM Malaysia.

Skydiver, pilot treated after midair accident

MULBERRY, Fla. (AP)—A plane became entangled in the strings of a skydiver's parachute, sending both crashing into the ground near Tampa, Fla., with both the pilot and jumper hospitalized with minor injuries. Polk County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Carrie Eleazer says 87-year-old pilot Shannon Trembley was doing takeoff and landing maneuvers Saturday in his Cessna at the South Lakeland Airport in Mulberry. On his third landing pass, the wing of his plane became entangled in the strings of 49-year-old Gainesville skydiver John Frost's parachute about 75 feet above the ground.

Asia

Air force chief: Malaysia jet may have turned back

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Military radar indicates that the missing Boeing 777 jet may have turned back, Malaysia's air force chief said Sunday as scores of ships and aircraft from across Asia resumed a hunt for the plane and its 239 passengers.

There was still no confirmed sighting of debris in the seas between Malaysia and Vietnam where it vanished from screens early Saturday morning en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur. The weather was fine, the plane was already cruising and the pilots didn't send a distress signal—unusual circumstance for a modern jetliner to crash.

Air force chief Rodzali Daud didn't say which direction the plane might have taken when it apparently went off route.

"We are trying to make sense of this," he told a media conference. "The military radar indicated that the aircraft may have made a turn back and in some parts, this was corroborated by civilian radar."

Malaysia Airlines Chief Executive Ahmad Jauhari Yahya said pilots were supposed to inform the airline and traffic control authorities if the plane does start to return. "From what we have, there was no such distress signal or distress call per say, so we are equally puzzled," he said.

Authorities were checking on the suspect identities of at least two passengers who appear to have boarded with stolen passports. On Saturday, the foreign ministries in Italy and Austria said the names of two citizens listed on the flight's manifest matched the names on two passports reported stolen in Thailand.

This, and the sudden disappearance of the plane that experts say is consistent with a possible onboard explosion, strengthened existing concerns about terrorism as a possible cause for the disappearance. Al-Qaida militants have used similar tactics to try and disguise their identities.

Earlier Sunday, Malaysian



A Chinese relative of passengers aboard a missing Malaysia Airlines plane, center, cries as she is escorted by a woman while leaving a hotel room for relatives or friends of passengers aboard the missing airplane, in Beijing, China Sunday, March 9, 2014.

Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said that authorities were looking at four possible cases of suspect identities, and that Malaysian intelligence agencies were in contact with their international counterparts, including the FBI, in this regard.

Later, civil aviation chief Azharuddin Abdul Rahman mentioned only two passengers with unverified identities.

Two-thirds of the jet's passengers were from China. The rest were from elsewhere in Asia, North America and Europe.

A total of 22 aircraft and 40 ships have been deployed to the area by Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, China and the United States, not counting Vietnam's fleet.

Li Xiaojang, administrator of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, said some debris had been spotted, but it was unclear whether it came from the plane. Vietnamese authorities said they had seen nothing close to two large oil slicks they saw Saturday and said might be from the missing plane.

Finding traces of an aircraft that disappears over sea can take days or longer, even with a sustained search effort. Depending on the circumstances of the crash, wreckage can be scattered over many square kilometers (miles). If the plane

enters the water before breaking up, there can be relatively little debris.

A team of American experts was en route to Asia to be ready to assist in the investigation into the crash. The team includes accident investigators from National Transportation Safety Board, as well as technical experts from the Federal Aviation Administration and Boeing, the safety board said in a statement.

Malaysia Airlines has a good safety record, as does the 777, which had not had a fatal crash in its 19-year history until an Asiana Airlines plane crashed last July in San Francisco, killing three passengers, all teenagers from China.

Investigators will need access to the flight data recorders to determine what happened.

Aviation and terrorism experts said revelations about stolen passports would strengthen speculation of foul play. They also acknowledged other scenarios, including some catastrophic failure of the engines or structure of the plane, extreme turbulence or pilot error or even suicide, were also possible.

Jason Middleton, the head of the Sydney-based University of New South Wales' School of Aviation, said terrorism or some other form of foul play seemed a likely explanation.

worst since Chernobyl. The government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has expressed interest in restarting some of the 48 idled reactors across Japan. Oil imports have soared since the disaster, and that has hurt the economy.

2 dozen children die in drought-hit south Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani officials say authorities are investigating whether

malnutrition is responsible for the deaths of nearly two dozen children in the country's drought-hit desert south. Kamran Zia, the chief spokesman for National Disaster Management Authority, said Saturday as many as 23 children have died in the villages of Tharparkar desert in the southern Sindh province since February. He said it was unclear whether the children died from a shortage of food or medical problems.

World

Russia reinforces military presence in Crimea

SEVASTOPOL, Ukraine (AP)—Dozens of military trucks transporting heavily armed soldiers rumbled over Crimea's rutted roads Saturday as Russia reinforced its armed presence on the disputed peninsula in the Black Sea. Moscow's foreign minister ruled out any dialogue with Ukraine's new authorities, whom he dismissed as the puppets of extremists.

The Russians have denied their armed forces are active in Crimea, but an Associated Press reporter trailed one military convoy Saturday afternoon from 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Feodosia to a military airfield at Gvardeiskoe north of Simferopol, over which a Russian flag flew.

Some of the army green vehicles had Russian license plates and numbers indicating that they were from the Moscow region. Some towed mobile kitchens and what appeared to be mobile medical equipment.

The strategic peninsula in southern Ukraine has become the flashpoint in the battle for Ukraine, where three months of protests sparked by President Victor Yanukovich's decision to ditch a significant treaty with the 28-nation European Union after strong pressure from Russia led to his downfall. A majority of people in Crimea identify with Russia, and Moscow's Black Sea Fleet is based in Sevastopol, as is Ukraine's.

Vladislav Seleznyov, a Crimean-based spokesman for the Ukrainian armed forces, told AP that witnesses had reported seeing amphibious military ships unloading around 200 military vehicles in eastern Crimea on Friday night after apparently having crossed the Straits of Kerch, which separates Crimea from Russian territory.

"Neither the equipment, nor the paratroopers have insignia that identify them as Russian, but we have no doubt as to their allegiance," Seleznyov said.

The amphibious operation appeared to be one of the largest movements of Russian military forces since they appeared in Crimea a week ago.

Seleznyov also said a convoy of more than 60 military trucks was spotted Saturday heading from Feodosia toward Simferopol, the regional capital. An AP reporter caught up with the convoy and trailed it to a Russian-controlled airfield. In the rear of the vehicles, heavily armed soldiers could be seen, though none appeared to have identifying badges or insignia. Soldiers spat at the reporters following them.

A small plane belonging to the Ukrainian border guards was fired on by "extremists" using automatic weapons as it flew near the administrative border of Crimea, but took evasive maneuvers and escaped unscathed, the Interfax news agency reported, quoting Ukrainian officials.

The regional parliament in Crimea has set a March 16 referendum on leaving Ukraine to join Russia, and senior lawmakers in Moscow said they would support the move, ignoring sanctions threats and warnings from President Barack Obama that the vote would violate international law.

While the U.S. and the EU urged Russia to engage in dialogue with new Ukrainian authorities, the Kremlin has refused to do so, denouncing the change of power in Ukraine as an "unconstitutional coup."

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow sees no sense in talking with Ukraine's new authorities because, in his view, they kowtow to radical nationalists.

"The so-called interim government isn't independent. It depends, to our great regret, on radical nationalists who have seized power with arms," he said at a news conference. He said that nationalist groups use "intimidation and terror" to control Ukraine.

Despite that tough talk, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin met Saturday with Ukrainian Ambassador Volodymyr Yelchenko, the first such diplomatic contact since the crisis began. In a terse statement, the ministry said only that they discussed issues related to Russian-Ukrainian ties in a "sincere atmosphere."

At a news conference in Kiev, Ukraine's new foreign minister, Andrii Deshchetskyi, spoke hopefully about creation of a contact group made up of foreign ministers of various countries to mediate the crisis. Forming the group was an idea discussed during meetings between Ukraine's prime minister and European Union leaders in Brussels on Thursday.

Deshchetskyi said that he learned from mediators that Russia hasn't "categorically" refused the idea of permitting a contact group to help broker an end to the dispute.

"The Russians are thinking," Deshchetskyi said, so there is "reason to hope." He reiterated that the new Ukrainian government understands it is vital to establish good relations with all neighbors, including Russia.

Lavrov also spoke by telephone with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Saturday, a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity to describe a private

diplomatic conversation.

Kerry "made clear that continued military escalation and provocation in Crimea or elsewhere in Ukraine, along with steps to annex Crimea to Russia would close any available space for diplomacy, and he urged utmost restraint," the official said. Kerry and Lavrov agreed to speak again soon.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said that Moscow has no intention of annexing Crimea, but that its people have the right to determine the region's status in a referendum.

The Crimean referendum has been denounced by Ukraine's new government. The U.S. moved Thursday to impose its first sanctions on Russians involved in the military occupation of Crimea.

Speaking on the BBC on Saturday, NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said that while there is no military response to the recent events of Crimea, the crisis was a reminder of threats to European security and stability.

"I do believe that politicians all over NATO will now rethink the whole thing about investment in security and defense," he told the BBC. "Obviously, defense comes at a cost but insecurity is much more expensive."

An international military mission composed of officers from the U.S. and 28 other nations tried again Saturday to enter Crimea, but it was turned back around the town of Armiansk by armed men.

An AP reporter traveling with the 54 observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said that after the group had stopped, the armed men fired bursts of automatic weapons fire to halt other unidentified vehicles. No injuries were reported.

In Simferopol, meanwhile, a public ceremony was held for the swearing-in of the first unit in the pro-Russia "Military Forces of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea." About 30 men armed with AK-47s, and another 20 or so unarmed, turned out. They ranged in age from teenagers to a man who looked to be about 60. They were sworn in at a park in front of an eternal flame to those killed in World War II.

Sergei Aksyonov, the Crimean prime minister, came to the ceremony and was greeted by the soldiers with shouts of "Commander!"

He said their main role, at least until the referendum, would be to "keep the peace." He said he didn't foresee any fighting with the Ukrainian soldiers still at bases in Crimea.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thousands protest ahead of Fukushima anniversary
TOKYO (AP)—Banging on drums and waving "Sayonara nukes" signs, thousands of people rallied in a Tokyo park and marched to Parliament to demand an end to nuclear power ahead of the third anniversary of the Fukushima disaster. The demonstration Sunday, planned across cities in Japan, is one of many such protests that have erupted since the March 11, 2011, nuclear disaster, the

Focus

Why Malaysia Airlines jet might have disappeared

NEW YORK (AP)—The most dangerous parts of a flight are takeoff and landing. Rarely do incidents happen when a plane is cruising seven miles above the earth.

So the disappearance of a Malaysia Airlines jet well into its flight Saturday morning over the South China Sea has led aviation experts to assume that whatever happened was quick and left the pilots no time to place a distress call.

It could take investigators months, if not years, to determine what happened to the Boeing 777 flying from Malaysia's largest city of Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

"At this early stage, we're focusing on the facts that we don't know," said Todd Curtis, a former safety engineer with Boeing who worked on its 777 wide-body jets and is now director of the Airsafe.com Foundation. If there was a minor mechanical failure—or even something more serious like the shutdown of both of the plane's engines—the pilots likely would have had time to radio for help. The lack of a call "suggests something very sudden and very violent happened," said William Waldock, who teaches accident investigation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

It initially appears that there was either an abrupt breakup of the plane or something that led it into a quick, steep dive. Some experts even suggested an act of terrorism or a pilot purposely crashing the jet.

"Either you had a catastrophic event that tore the airplane apart, or you had a criminal act," said Scott Hamilton, managing director of aviation consultancy Leeham Co. "It was so quick and they didn't radio."

No matter how unlikely a scenario, it's too early to rule out any possibilities, experts warn. The best clues will come with the recovery of the flight data and voice recorders and an examination of the wreckage.

Airplane crashes typically occur during takeoff and the climb away from an airport, or while coming in for a landing, as in last year's fatal crash of an Asiana Airlines jet in San Francisco. Just 9 percent of fatal accidents happen when a plane is at cruising altitude, according to a statistical summary of commercial jet airplane accidents done by Boeing.

Capt. John M. Cox, who spent 25 years flying for US Airways and is now CEO of Safety Operating Systems, said that whatever happened to the Malaysia Airlines jet, it occurred quickly. The problem had to be big enough, he said, to stop the plane's transponder from broadcasting its location, although the transponder can be purposely shut off from the cockpit.

One of the first indicators of what happened will be the size of the debris field. If it is large and spread out over tens of miles, then the plane likely broke apart at a high elevation. That could signal a bomb or a massive airframe failure. If it is a smaller field, the plane probably fell from 35,000 feet intact, breaking up upon contact with the water.

"We know the airplane is down. Be-



A vendor prepares newspapers carrying a headline story and pictures of Saturday's missing Malaysian Airlines plane, in Shah Alam, outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sunday, March 9, 2014. An international fleet of planes and ships scouted the waters between Malaysia and Vietnam for any clues to the fate of the Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777, which disappeared less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur bound for Beijing.

yond that, we don't know a whole lot," Cox said.

The Boeing 777 has one of the best safety records in aviation history. It first carried passengers in June 1995 and went 18 years without a fatal accident. That streak came to an end with the July 2013 Asiana crash. Three of the 307 people aboard that flight died. Saturday's Malaysia Airlines flight carrying 239 passengers and crew would only be the second fatal incident for the aircraft type.

"It's one of the most reliable airplanes ever built," said John Goglia, a former member of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

Some of the possible causes for the plane disappearing include:

- A catastrophic structural failure of the airframe or its Rolls-Royce Trent 800 engines. Most aircraft are made of aluminum which is susceptible to corrosion over time, especially in areas of high humidity. But given the plane's long history and impressive safety record, experts suggest this is unlikely.

- More of a threat to the plane's integrity is the constant pressurization and depressurization of the cabin for takeoff and landing. In April 2011, a Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 made an emergency landing shortly after takeoff from Phoenix after the plane's fuselage ruptured, causing a 5-foot tear. The plane, with 118 people on board, landed safely. But such a rupture is less likely in this case. Airlines fly the 777 on longer distances, with many fewer takeoffs and landings, putting less stress on the airframe.

Jetliner missing



1. Flight MH370, a Boeing 777-200, leaves Malaysia
 - Plane was supposed to fly over Vietnam; contact lost at 2:40 a.m. local time
 - Chinese officials say the plane dropped from radar while in Vietnamese airspace
2. Chinese news agency, citing Vietnamese media, reports a signal was detected about 135 mi. (220 km) southwest of Ca Mau, Vietnam

Source: McClatchy Washington Bureau, Deutsche Presse-Agentur, Flight Aware, Xinhua news agency, Reuters
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"It's not like this was Southwest Airlines doing 10 flights a day," Hamilton said. "There's nothing to suggest there

would be any fatigue issues."

- Bad weather. Planes are designed to fly through most severe storms. However, in June 2009, an Air France flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris crashed during a bad storm over the Atlantic Ocean. Ice built up on the Airbus A330's airspeed indicators, giving false readings. That, and bad decisions by the pilots, led the plane into a stall causing it to plummet into the sea. All 228 passengers and crew aboard died. The pilots never radioed for help.

In the case of Saturday's Malaysia Airlines flight, all indications show that there were clear skies.

- Pilot disorientation. Curtis said that the pilots could have taken the plane off autopilot and somehow went off course and didn't realize it until it was too late. The plane could have flown for another five or six hours from its point of last contact, putting it up to 3,000 miles away. This is unlikely given that the plane probably would have been picked up by radar somewhere. But it's too early to eliminate it as a possibility.

- Failure of both engines. In January 2008, a British Airways 777 crashed about 1,000 feet short of the runway at London's Heathrow Airport. As the plane was coming in to land, the engines lost thrust because of ice buildup in the fuel system. There were no fatalities.

Loss of both engines is possible in this case, but Hamilton said the plane could glide for up to 20 minutes, giving pilots plenty of time to make an emergency call. When a US Airways A320

lost both of its engines in January 2009 after taking off from LaGuardia Airport in New York it was at a much lower elevation. But Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger still had plenty of communications with air traffic controllers before ending the six-minute flight in the Hudson River.

- A bomb. Several planes have been brought down including Pan Am Flight 103 between London and New York in December 1988. There was also an Air India flight in June 1985 between Montreal and London and a plane in September 1989 flown by French airline Union des Transports Aériens which blew up over the Sahara.

- Hijacking. A traditional hijacking seems unlikely given that a plane's captors typically land at an airport and have some type of demand. But a 9/11-like hijacking is possible, with terrorists forcing the plane into the ocean.

- Pilot suicide. There were two large jet crashes in the late 1990s—a SilkAir flight and an EgyptAir flight—that are believed to have been caused by pilots deliberately crashing the planes. Government crash investigators never formally declared the crashes suicides but both are widely acknowledged by crash experts to have been caused by deliberate pilot actions.

- Accidental shoot-down by some country's military. In July 1988, the United States Navy missile cruiser USS Vincennes accidentally shot down an Iran Air flight, killing all 290 passengers and crew. In September 1983, a Korean Air Lines flight was shot down by a Russian fighter jet.

Health & Fitness

WHO: 5 percent of calories should be from sugar

By MARIA CHENG
AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON (AP)—Just try sugar-coating this: The World Health Organization says your daily sugar intake should be just 5 percent of your total calories—half of what the agency previously recommended, according to new draft guide-

lines published Wednesday.

After a review of about 9,000 studies, WHO's expert panel says dropping sugar intake to that level will combat obesity and cavities. That includes sugars added to foods and those present in honey, syrups and fruit juices, but not those occurring naturally in fruits.

Dr. Francesco Branca, WHO's director for nutrition, conceded the new target was somewhat aspirational.

"We should aim for 5 percent if we can ... but 10 percent is more realistic," he said in a news conference on Wednesday.

Americans and others in the West eat a lot more sugar

than that: Their average sugar intake would have to drop by two-thirds to meet WHO's suggested limit.

WHO's new guidelines have been published online and the agency is inviting the public to comment via its website until the end of March.

Many doctors applauded the U.N. agency's attempt to limit the global sweet tooth.

"The less sugar you're eating, the better," said Dr. Robert Lustig, a professor of pediatrics at the University of California and author of a book about the dangers of sugar. "If the sugar threshold is lowered, I think breakfast cereal is going to have a really hard time justifying its existence," he said, referring to sweetened cereals often targeted to children.

When WHO last revised its sugar guidelines more than a decade ago, it recommended sugar should be less than 10 percent of daily calories. The U.S. sugar industry was so incensed it lobbied Congress to threaten to withdraw millions of dollars in funding to WHO. A contentious reference to the sugar limit was removed from a global diet strategy, but the recommendation passed.



This is a Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010 file photo of chocolate bars on a shelf at a store in central London, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010.

Lustig said WHO's new guidelines could alter the food environment by forcing manufacturers to rethink how they're using sugar in processed foods like bread, soups, pasta sauces and even salad dressings. He called the amount of sugar in processed food an "absolute, unmitigated disaster."

WHO's expert group found high sugar consumption is strongly linked to obesity and tooth decay. It noted that heavy people have a higher risk of chronic diseases, responsible for more than 60 percent of global deaths. Den-

tal care costs up to 10 percent of health budgets in Western countries and cause significant problems in the developing world.

WHO warned many of the sugars eaten today are hidden in processed foods, pointing out that one tablespoon of ketchup contains about one teaspoon of sugar and that for some people, including children, drinking a single can of sweetened soda would already exceed their daily sugar limit.

There is no universally agreed consensus on how much sugar is too much.

Personal Trainer

Homemade energy bars

Nutrition bars are convenient but can be expensive if you use them often; here is a homemade alternative:

Homemade energy bars

- 25 dried figs
- 1/3 cup (80 ml) honey
- 4 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 1/2 cups (600 ml) unbleached flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dark corn syrup
- 2 egg whites or egg substitute
- 1 cup (240 ml) oat bran

Note: Teaspoon and tablespoon can be either metric or U.S./U.K.

- Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C)
- Mix figs, honey and juices in food processor or blender
- Mix with all other ingredients but oat bran
- Combine with wet mixture; make into 20 balls; coat with bran
- Bake for 10-15 minutes
- Cool, wrap and store in refrigerator

Nutrients per bar

- 150 calories
- 4 g protein
- 1 g fat
- 36 g carbohydrate

Source: "Your Guide to Sports Medicine" by Elizabeth Quinn
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Colorado, Utah move to hike smoking age to 21

DENVER (AP)—Two Western states with some of the nation's lowest smoking rates are considering cracking down even more by raising the tobacco age to 21.

Utah and Colorado lawmakers both voted favorably on proposals Thursday to treat tobacco like alcohol and take it away from 18- to 20-year-olds, a move inspired by new research on how many smokers start the habit as teenagers.

"By raising the age limit, it puts them in a situation where they're not going to pick it up until a much later age," said Marla Brannum of Lehi, Utah, who testified in favor of the idea there.

In Colorado, the testimony was similar—that pushing the tobacco age could make it harder for teens to access tobacco,

and possibly reduce usage rates among adults.

"What I'm hoping to do is make it harder for kids to obtain cigarettes," said Rep. Cheri Gerou, a Republican who sponsored the measure.

Both proposals face several more votes. But they're the furthest any states have gone to curb access to cigarettes by teens. The director of tobacco studies at University College London didn't know of any other countries considering a tobacco age threshold of 21, but he said raising the tobacco age from 16 to 18 in the United Kingdom proved to be "a public health winner."

Altria Group Inc., which owns the country's largest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA,

said in a statement Friday that they support 18 as the minimum age to purchase tobacco, which Congress approved in 2009.

The company, whose tobacco brands include Marlboro, Parliament and Virginia Slims, said states should wait until the Food and Drug Administration finishes a pending study of about raising the purchase age higher than 18.

"While we recognize that these are difficult issues, we believe Congress has established a thoughtful process for understanding the issue better, and we intend to engage in that process, with FDA, as it takes its course," the statement said.

Altria said the company supports efforts to prevent underage use of tobacco.

Death & Funeral Announcement

†LYDIA BABAUTA CAMACHO

Born on May 14, 1947 and was called to her eternal rest on
March 03, 2014 (Monday) at the age of 66

In Her Death She Now Joins Her:
Parents: †Albert Cruz & †Rosa Pasqual Babauta
Parents-In-Law: †Joaquin Fausto & †Maria Rios Camacho
Brothers/Sisters: †Ana P. Cordova/†Calisto P. Cordova/†Isidro P. Babauta/
†Ignacio P. Babauta/†Susanna P. Babauta/†Lydia P. Babauta/
†David P. Babauta
Grand Daughter: †Jennifer T. Camacho
Brothers/Sisters-In-Law: †Jose R./†Vicente R. & †Maria R. Camacho/†Francisco R. Camacho/†Magdalena R. Camacho/†Felipe R. Camacho/†Ramon R. & †Clara T. Camacho/†Josepha C. & †Francisco San Nicolas/†Guillermo R. & †Basilisa T. Camacho/†Julian R. & †Sabina A. Camacho/†Joaquin R. & †Gabriela B. Camacho/†Felisa B. Babauta

Her Memory Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of Her:
Husband: Eulogio Rios Camacho
Children: Edwin B. & Fang Camacho (Jennifer/Albert/Alicia/Kitty/Jackie) Marie C. & Jesus S. Santos (Jesse & Ciamar (Jessel)/Edwin & Charlebel/Ally/Jason/Eleria) Joaquin B. & Ramona S. Camacho (Elowena/Bryce) Ignacio B. & Cynthia C. Camacho (Suanna/Sabrina) Rosalita C. & Peter T. San Nicolas (Darrell/Deeana/Mikela) Calley B. & Noriko F. Camacho (Nodia) Isidro B. Camacho

She is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren, relatives and will be greatly missed by many families and friends.

Rosary is being said every evening at 7:00pm at San Roque Church.
Daily Mass is being offered as follows:

Tanapag Church:	Friday, March 7th 6:00pm Saturday, March 8th 6:00pm Monday, March 10th 6:00pm
San Roque Church:	Sunday March 9th 9:00am

On Tuesday, March 11, 2014 our beloved Mother will be escorted from CHCC at 7:30am to San Roque Church for responso, rosary, and viewing. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at San Roque Cemetery.

**Please join us in prayers.
Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.
From The Family**

Life & Style

About a boy who plays the boy on new NBC sitcom

NEW YORK (AP)—It wasn't hard for Benjamin Stockham to figure out his role as Marcus, the title character of NBC's new sitcom "About a Boy."

"It was pretty obvious from the script that he was kind of a nerd," said Ben during a recent chat. "Well, not a nerd. Sorry. Kind of an ODDITY."

And an interesting oddity, Ben hastened to add: "Part of what makes it so easy to play Marcus is that, as a kid, you might have his same problems: being bullied, being an outsider. But you always have someone there who cares about you."

On "About a Boy," airing Tuesday at 9 p.m. Eastern, Marcus is cared about, to excess, by his high-strung, overprotective single mom (Minnie Driver).

Meanwhile, he enlists as surrogate dad his new next-door neighbor, Will (David Walton), a footloose, freewheeling bachelor who is alternately charmed

by Marcus' pluck and annoyed by his frequent, often ill-timed intrusions.

Will knows he must establish some boundaries for Marcus. But Marcus can't help asking, "Why is hanging out with me any less exciting than hanging out with those women with bathing suits that are wayyyy too small?"

This burgeoning bromance between boy and man is at the series' heart, raising the question: How does Ben like working with a co-star two decades his senior?

"It's great!" he replied. "David's really fun. He has this pen and he flips it around his thumb with one finger. I have no idea how he does that. He also boxes. But not professionally. He's probably the world's most interesting guy."

How does Ben see himself? What's different about him from the character he plays?



This photo provided by NBC shows Benjamin Stockham as Marcus in an episode of NBC's new sitcom, "About A Boy." The television series airs Tuesday nights on NBC.

"Other than the devilishly handsome good looks, the charm and the humbleness," he cracked, "everything!"

Including his advanced years. Ben is baby-faced with a china-doll complexion, and a bit small for 13 and one-half.

Karl Lagerfeld to design Macau hotel

BEIJING (AP)—Karl Lagerfeld and a Macau casino operator announced plans Friday for the Chanel designer to create his first hotel.

The 270-room Karl Lagerfeld Hotel will open in 2017 in a 20-story tower in the gambling enclave in southern China, according to Lagerfeld and the Sociedade de Jogos de Macau.

"An entire hotel designed by me. It's the first time for me! I think the idea is great!" said Lagerfeld in a statement.

The announcement comes after Lagerfeld startled visitors



Lagerfeld

The Lisboa Palace complex also is to include a Versace-themed hotel designed by the Italian fashion label and announced by SJM in September.

Friday's announcement gave no financial details.

SJM was founded by tycoon Stanley Ho, who held a monopoly on gambling in Macau until 2004. Ho transferred most of his 32 percent stake in SJM's parent company, Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau, to his relatives in 2011.

Macau, the only place in China where gambling is legal, received about \$38 billion in gambling revenue in 2012, about six times the revenues of the Las Vegas Strip.

Competition has intensified

as rivals including Wynn Resorts and MGM Resorts International opened casinos.

Lagerfeld is chief designer for the Chanel and Fendi fashion houses and also has his own label. In addition to clothing, he has designed a can for Diet Coke.

The Macau hotel is being developed under his own brand, Karl Lagerfeld Greater China.

The complex in Macau's Cotai neighborhood will have casinos, restaurants and shopping and more than 2,000 hotel rooms, according to SJM.

Police have warrant in attempted Banksy theft

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—New Orleans police say they're looking for a Los Angeles man accused of trying to steal a big chunk of cinderblock wall bearing a painting by the world-renowned graffiti artist Banksy.

Police have a warrant to arrest Christopher Sensabaugh, 30, on charges of attempted theft and criminal damage to property, according to an emailed news release.

An Internet database does not have a current phone number for Sensabaugh.

The mural, which locals call the Rain Girl or the Umbrella Girl, was painted on a vacant building—Banksy's usual canvas. It could be worth \$200,000 to \$1.1 million dollars, the news release said.

It shows a mournful girl holding an umbrella from which rain pours onto her as she extends a cupped hand into the clear air beyond the umbrella.

The wanted man was photographed by local residents, including two professional pho-



In this Friday, Feb. 21, 2014 photo provided by Mohan Choppala, an unidentified man cuts into a wall with a mural created by the artist Banksy, in New Orleans.

"I look maybe 11 or 12," he readily acknowledged.

This served him well in landing the role of 11-year-old Marcus. But does being a late bloomer ever bug him in his personal life?

"My friends don't care," he said. "And if my friends don't care, I don't care."

As Ben enters his teens, he can point to credits that include not just his new sitcom, but also two short-lived predecessors: the 2010 Fox comedy "Sons of Tucson" and last season's "1600 Penn" on NBC.

"But why did you want to be an actor in the first place?"

"I was watching TV one day," he recalled, "and I'm like, 'How did those people get on TV? I'm gonna try that. Hey, mom, I want to be on TV!' And she's like, 'OK, let's get you an agent.'"

"That's exactly what happened, word for word."

That was about six years ago. So by the time he was signed for "About a Boy," he felt like an old hand.

"I've done two other TV series, so I've got THIS one in the bag," he laughed. "Sure, the other two were CANCELED."

Cosmos' is back with new host for new generation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Astronomer Carl Sagan become Mr. Science for a generation after his 1980 series, "Cosmos," took audiences on a groundbreaking TV journey through the universe.

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, host of "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey," the 21st-century edition debuting Sunday, has a head start with a Twitter following of 1.7 million that's just edged by the starry likes of Gwyneth Paltrow and Cee Lo Green.

Tyson, a go-to expert for news reports on Earth-threatening asteroids and other science developments, said his public profile frees him from comparisons to Sagan. The educator and author with a gift for conveying the wonder of discovery died in 1996 at age 62.

"If I didn't have a following, I think people would say, 'How is he going to fill Carl Sagan's shoes? How is he going to pronounce billion?'" said Tyson, referring to the "billions and billions of stars" phrase made famous by Sagan in "Cosmos" (although purists insist Sagan said "upon," not "and").

Sagan was the presenter for the first series, Tyson said, and he's the presenter for the second. He gamely accepts an analogy, one he's clearly heard before, to the string of actors

But this one WON'T!

Maybe not soon, anyway. "About a Boy" is off to a good start, having grown its audience in its most recent airing to a robust 8.7 million viewers.

In the meantime, Ben said he's growing as an actor, thanks to the bona fide veterans he works with on the show.

"They are teaching me. Not verbally. But with their example. And as for what they learn from me," he added, deadpan: "how to be very, very, VERY immature."

"Is it easy or hard for you to learn your lines?"

"It depends how they're written," he said, explaining that it's tricky when dialogue is written too formally. "Like with 'this' and 'will.' Most people just say 'this'll.' So it's definitely hard when there's whole scripts written like a robot. But the writers on 'About a Boy' are very good."

Unlike adult actors, Ben doesn't get much downtime while shooting his Los Angeles-based show, even during long delays between scenes: "When I'm not on camera," he noted with a roll of his eyes, "I'm doing school."



Neil

who have starred in the "Doctor Who" title role. Each contributes something different, but "you're still with the franchise at the

end of the day," he said.

The new version begins its 13-episode run at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday on Fox and other Fox Networks Group channels including National Geographic, FX and Nat Geo Mundo. Viewers have a second chance to catch each episode at 10 p.m. Monday on National Geographic, with added behind-the-scenes and other bonus footage. It will air in other countries on Fox channels and National Geographic Channels International.

Tyson, 55, brings to the program his distinguished credentials as director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and an author whose works include "Space Chronicles" and "The Pluto Files."

He's the perfect modern media scientist: tall and good-looking, with a deep voice that he uses to charismatic and authoritative effect.

'Gravity' director Alfonso Cuaron turns to TV

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Oscar-winning director Alfonso Cuaron was looking for an anti-'Gravity' follow up to his blockbuster space film, and he found it with a rare excursion into television.

Cuaron and sci-fi auteur J.J. Abrams ('Lost,' the 'Star Trek' movies) are executive producers of 'Believe,' a drama about a child whose supernatural powers put her and the world at risk.

The premise came to him while he waited during 'the endless process of special effects' on 'Gravity,' Cuaron said at a media event.

"Well, first of all, I wanted to

do something in which people were not floating," Cuaron said, drawing laughs.

"I wanted to do something more grounded, and we wanted to do it with real people, real locations," he continued. "And I wanted to do something really exciting, but, at the same time, something that would be highly emotional."

He recounted sharing the idea with Abrams and his reaction: "Wow."

The pair met more than two decades ago and, Abrams said, "I've wanted to work with him desperately ever since. I was a huge fan of every movie that



Cuaron

he made, and each one made me more and more desperate to try and figure this out."

When Cuaron contacted him with the idea for 'Believe,'

Abrams said, it created the opportunity for him and his company, Bad Robot Productions.

Johnny Sequoyah stars as Bo, a 10-year-old who appears to have won the special-gifts lottery at birth: She can levitate, has the

power of telekinesis, can control nature and see the future.

But she can't control or understand her powers and is at risk from those who would use them to conquer Earth. Delroy Lindo co-stars as Bo's protector, with Jack McLaughlin as a wrongfully imprisoned death row inmate enlisted in the effort.

The cast also includes Jamie Chung and Kyle MacLachlan. A preview airs at 10 p.m. EDT Monday, with the show debuting in its 9 p.m. EDT Sunday slot March 16.

Cuaron has dabbled lightly in TV in years past, but big-screen projects like 'Gravity,' 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' and 'Children of Men' have been his focus.

He shepherded 'Gravity' with Sandra Bullock and George Clooney to a leading seven Oscar trophies March 2. Among them was the best director award for Cuaron, with the Mexican filmmaker becoming the category's first Latino winner.

Oscar dazzle and box office grosses aside—'Gravity' pulled in more than \$500 million internationally in 2013—cast members said it was Cuaron himself who drew them to 'Believe.' He directed the series' pilot.

"The things that Alfonso said creatively were very exciting to me," said Lindo. "So from my standpoint it was not necessarily a no-brainer, but it was certainly very exciting, the prospect of working with him on this project."

Man lauded as Japan Beethoven sorry for fake work

TOKYO (AP)—The man once lauded as "Japan's Beethoven" bowed repeatedly and apologized Friday at his first media appearance since it was revealed last month that his famed musical compositions were ghostwritten and he wasn't completely deaf.

Mamoru Samuragochi appeared clean-shaven and minus his trademark sunglasses and long hair, in what could be seen as a sign of remorse. He apologized for the troubles he had caused his fans, producers behind his works and others.

"I will speak the truth," he told reporters, looking contrite in a dark jacket. "I will make this my last appearance on TV."

He acknowledged he had worked with his collaborator Takashi Niigaki in secret for 18 years. Niigaki recently told a tabloid magazine he was the ghostwriter behind the works, including the "Hiroshima" symphony.

Samuragochi, 50, said his hearing had been recovering from about three years ago, but denied he was posturing as deaf, and said he still had hearing problems.

High blood pressure can quietly damage kidneys

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



DEAR ABBY: I thought I was a healthy 40-year-old until I was diagnosed with high blood pressure. My doctor began treating it as a stand-alone condition, without considering that high blood pressure is a major risk factor for kidney disease.

At first, I wasn't even tested for kidney disease. But eventually, he gave me a urine test, and it was discovered that I had protein in my urine -- one of the earliest signs of kidney damage. Apparently, my high blood pressure had damaged my kidneys.

Healthy kidneys filter out wastes and toxins, but my kidneys' ability to do so began to decrease at an alarming rate. I continued to manage my blood pressure with medication and decided to make a few lifestyle changes, as well, that helped me avoid the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure.

I limited my salt intake, started eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, decreased the amount of meat I was eating and began swimming every day. I began to feel better, and when I went to the doctor, it turned out my kidney function had stabilized.

Please tell your readers that if they have high blood pressure they should be proactive and ask their doctor to check their kidneys. Early detection and lifestyle change can make a major impact on your health, as I have learned.

DUANE SUNWOLD, SPOKANE, WASH.

DEAR DUANE: It is generous of you to share your medical history in an effort to caution my readers. The National Kidney Foundation urges everyone to learn about these vital organs and whether they might be at risk.

The three major risk factors for kidney disease are: high blood pressure, diabetes and a family history of kidney failure. People who have these risk factors should ask their doctor to check their kidney function with a simple blood and urine test.

Readers, March is National Kidney Month, and March 13 is World Kidney Day. If you are at risk, schedule an appointment with your doctor. For anyone who needs more information, the National Kidney Foundation's website is kidney.org.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a member of the clergy who enjoys studying for my ministry and doctoral work at a local coffee shop. Three men who go there every day have found out that I'm a minister, and they each want to talk with me while I'm there. Although all three are members of the same religion, none of them is affiliated with a church.

I have invited them to visit my worship services, as well as call the office and set up an appointment with me. I have also tried to diplomatically explain that I go to the coffee shop to study. One of them ignores it, another appears hurt and the third one gets offended. When they're not around, I am productive. When they show up, they want me to be their chaplain.

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REVEREND KEN IN NEW YORK

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Singer Ke\$ha out of rehab for eating disorder



AP

This Nov. 24, 2013 file photo shows musician Ke\$ha at the American Music Awards at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live in Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—Ke\$ha is out of rehab for an eating disorder.

The singer's representative confirmed Friday that Ke\$ha had checked out of the facility. She had entered treatment in January.

Ke\$ha posted on Twitter that's she's "happy to be back!" She writes: "Feeling healthy & working on tons of new music."

The 26-year-old vegetarian pop star thanked fans "for all the love & support u have given me." She said she entered rehab to "learn to love myself again, exactly as I am."

Ke\$ha, whose real name is Kesha Rose Sebert, is the performer of such tunes as "Crazy Love," "Die Young" and "Timber" with Pitbull. She starred in the MTV reality series "My Crazy Beautiful Life."

Ted Turner hospitalized in Argentine capital

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—American media mogul Ted Turner has been hospitalized for an undisclosed ailment in Argentina's capital.

Turner Enterprises spokesman Phillip Evans in Atlanta said the CNN founder was hospitalized in South America and that "no further details will be provided."

CNN's news desk, however, tweeted that Turner was "under observation" Friday at a hospital in Buenos Aires.

A security guard at the Instituto Argentino de Diagnostico y Tratamiento confirmed to The Associated Press that Turner was hospitalized there. Speaking on condition of anonymity because of hospital policy, he said the institute's director told him that Turner's companions had asked to release no information about his condition.

The 75-year-old billionaire was first treated earlier Friday at the San Carlos Sanatorium in Bariloche, near his ranch in Argentina's Patagonia region. A spokeswoman there who gave her name only as Marina told the AP that Turner left that clinic after about four hours.



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In this Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 file photo, American media mogul Ted Turner is photographed on the red carpet at the Captain Planet Foundation benefit gala in Atlanta.

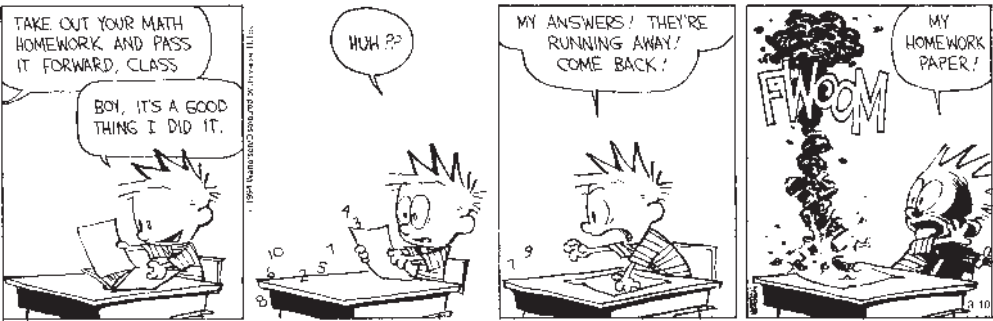
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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



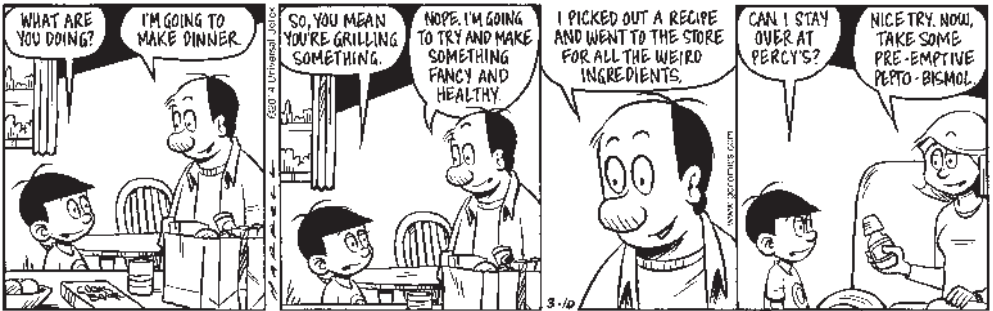
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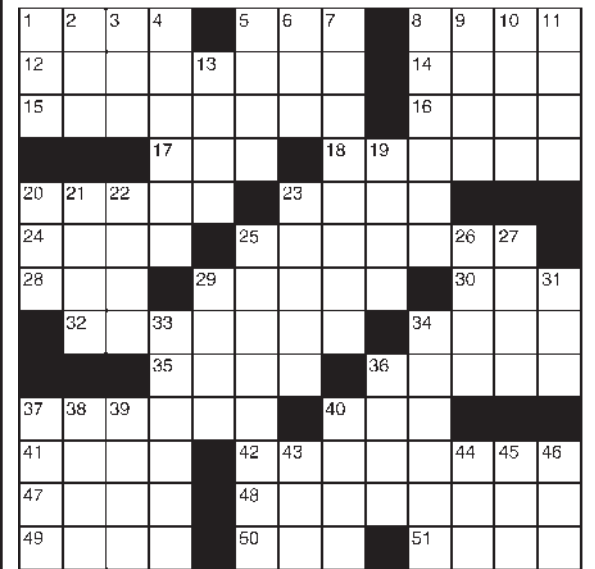
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Friday's answer 3-10



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Choose your friends and associates wisely. Give and take must be part of the equation if you want to form workable partnerships. Take a pass on anyone who is unpredictable. Help others and it will be reciprocated. ★★★★★

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into something that inspires you to try something new. Travel, communicate and socialize. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get organized and discuss your plans with people you feel can help you get ahead. A change of location will do you good, but caution while traveling will be necessary. There is money to be made, but contracts must be signed first. ★★★

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your thoughts and visit places that inspire you to take on something new or unusual. Let your imagination wander and you will come up with workable solutions for both self- and home improvements. React based on your feelings. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everyone will be as open as you are. Reserve judgment if someone shares gossip with you. Information isn't likely to be validated. A personal change at home will end up costing you more than anticipated. Recalculate and back-track to fit your budget. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your energy and effort into doing a good job. Showing your ability under unusual circumstances will make you stand out in the crowd. Your expertise will help you get ahead, but expect someone to be jealous and act unruly. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of an opportunity, but make sure you read the fine print first. Staying on top of any situation you get into personally, professionally or financially will ensure that you get ahead. A healthy regime will pay off. ★★★

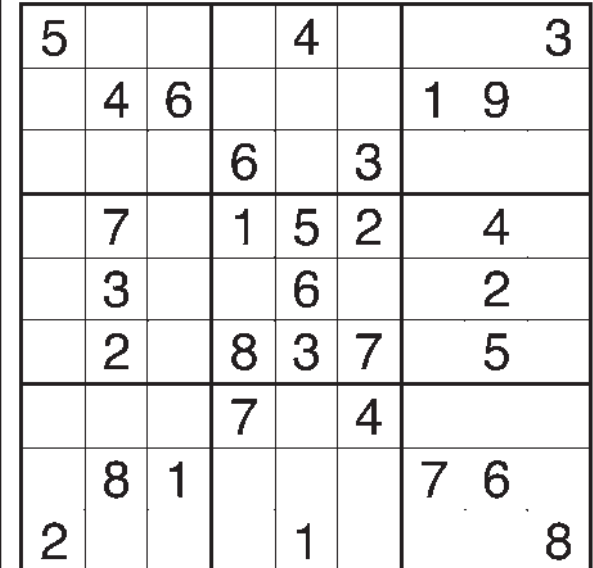
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have a magnetic influence on others if you share your imaginative ideas. Socializing will open up doors to people and information that will be beneficial to you in the future. Offer whatever service or information you have to share. ★★★★★

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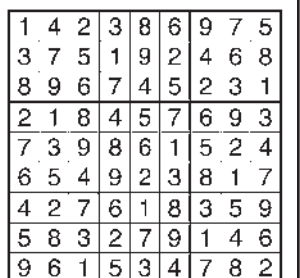


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Anthony's 26 points lead Knicks past Cavs, 107-97



CLEVELAND (AP)—On a night of celebration, there were two surprising, strange sights: LeBron James back on Cleveland's bench. The Knicks back in the NBA playoff chase.

Carmelo Anthony shook off a congested chest and a horrid shooting start to score 26 points, leading New York to its third straight victory, 107-97 over Cleveland on a Saturday when James was briefly reunited with the Cavaliers.

Amare Stoudemire added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, whose winning streak began after a seven-game slide and amid reports Phil Jackson may accept a job in New York's front office.

Anthony missed his first six shots, but found his touch in time to help the Knicks in their late-season run at the playoffs. J.R. Smith scored 17 and Tyson Chandler added 15 points and 11 boards for New York, which is 3 1/2 games out of the final postseason spot in the Eastern Conference.

"You can see something different over the last couple of games," Anthony said. "It seems like everyone has a sense of urgency right now. We're playing for something. We control our own destiny. We want to win as many games as we can down the stretch."

Kyrie Irving had 30 points, eight assists and eight rebounds for the Cavs, who retired center Zydrunas Ilgauskas' No. 11 jersey at halftime. Spencer Hawes had 21 points for Cleveland, which dropped to 0-4 in March.

The Knicks were as good as done just a few days ago.

But with New York fans ready to write them off again, and coach Mike Woodson's future looking shakier than ever, the Knicks have responded with wins over Minnesota, Utah and Cleveland. There's still plenty of work to do, and the Knicks will likely need some help, but a dreadful season to this point has some hope.

"There's no room for error," Woodson said. "We have to play each possession like it's our last possession. The mental approach is a little different now. It's been a tough season for all of us. Now, they're playing for something."

The Knicks made four 3-pointers during a 14-1 run early in the fourth to take control.

With New York down 80-77, Pablo Prigioni drained a 3, Smith followed with a long-range shot and Prigioni dropped another 3 to give the Knicks an 88-81 lead. After a Cleveland turnover, Anthony made his fourth 3-pointer, putting the Knicks ahead by 10

with 7:38 left.

Cleveland never recovered and the Knicks outscored the Cavs 30-17 over the final 10 minutes.

"We're fighting for our lives," Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. "This team was a game behind us and I just feel like we didn't come out with the right mindset to compete with this team for the eighth spot."

The loss put a damper on an otherwise memorable night for the Cavs.

At halftime, they retired Ilgauskas' jersey during a poignant ceremony. The big man overcame serious foot injuries early in his career to become the club's career leader in rebounds, games played and blocked shots.

Ilgauskas thanked Cleveland fans during the ceremony, which included James sitting again on Cleveland's sideline.

James, who famously left Cleveland as a free agent in 2010, kept a low profile as Ilgauskas' jersey was raised to the rafters, but afterward he greeted his close friend and then posed for photos on the floor with former teammates Delonte West and Daniel "Boobie" Gibson.

Anthony said the long half-time break helped.

"It was good for me because I got some rest," said Anthony, who was unaware James was at the game. "I got a chance to lay on the floor and let Z do his thing. He took some time up. I appreciate him for that."

Anthony couldn't buy a basket in the early minutes before heating up.

He scored nine straight points to help the Knicks open a 45-35 lead, and then made his sixth shot in a row, a 3-pointer, to give New York a 14-point cushion.

Hawes made consecutive 3-pointers to get the Cavs



New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony (7) drives past Cleveland Cavaliers' Luol Deng, (9) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Saturday, March 8, 2014, in Cleveland.

within six, but Smith dropped the first of his five 3-pointers and New York pushed its lead to 58-43.

Irving, though, closed the second quarter with seven quick points to pull the Cavs to 58-50 at halftime.

Jazz 104, 76ers 92

In Philadelphia, Gordon Hayward scored 22 points, Alec Burks added 19 and Utah sent Philadelphia to its 16th consecutive loss.

Derrick Favors contributed 15 points and 14 rebounds,

Enes Kanter had 13 points and 10 boards, and Diante Garrett scored 11 points for the Jazz (22-41), who ended a five-game losing streak and completed a six-game road trip at 1-5.

Tony Wroten scored a career-high 30 points for the Sixers (15-47), who hadn't dropped 16 in a row since a franchise-worst 20 straight losses during the 1972-73 season, when they finished 9-73. The Sixers also lost their franchise-worst 13th straight home game.

Grizzlies 111, Bobcats 89

In Memphis, Tennessee, Mike Conley scored 20 points, Zach Randolph added 16 and Memphis turned up the offense in the second half to beat Charlotte.

Marc Gasol added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Kosta Koufos had 11 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 10 boards.

Al Jefferson scored 17 for Charlotte, shooting just 7 of 17 from the field. Chris Douglas-Roberts finished with 15 points, his fourth straight game in double figures, but Kemba Walker had just 11 and 3-of-13 shooting. Charlotte shot 40 percent for the game.

Memphis broke the game open after halftime, outscoring Charlotte 59-45 in the final two quarters.

Spurs 121, Magic 112

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 30 points, Manu Ginobili added 24 and San Antonio overcame a lethargic performance to beat Orlando.

Kawhi Leonard added 17 points, Tiago Splitter scored 14, Danny Green 12 and Tim Duncan had 11 points and 10 rebounds as the Spurs (46-16) extended their winning streak to six games.

Tobias Harris scored 23 points, Nikola Vucevic added 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Arron Afflalo had 17 points for Orlando (19-45). Maurice Harkless added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who were swept in the season series.

Coming off the emotional high of a 111-87 victory over Miami two nights earlier in an NBA Finals rematch, San Antonio appeared listless against the Southeast Division's last-place team.

Wizards 114, Bucks 107

In Milwaukee, Bradley Beal

scored 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, helping Washington avoid blowing a 28-point lead and beat Milwaukee.

Washington opened a 71-43 lead in the second quarter, but the Bucks cut the deficit to 104-101 on a pair of free throws by Ersan Ilyasova with 2:13 to go.

Beal then scored on a driving layup and hit a baseline 3-pointer to give the Wizards a 109-101 lead with 2:01 left. Washington won for the eighth time in nine games.

John Wall, Washington's leading scorer at 19.9 points per game, was held to nine points and missed 10 of 14 shots. Trevor Ariza scored 17 of his 26 points in the first quarter.

Brandon Knight scored 25 points for Milwaukee (12-50), the first NBA team to lose 50 games this season.

Clippers 109, Hawks 108

In Los Angeles, Blake Griffin had 27 points and eight rebounds, Chris Paul added 19 points, including a go-ahead layup in the final minute, and Los Angeles beat Atlanta for its season-high seventh straight victory.

The Pacific Division-leading Clippers got 13 points and 12 rebounds from DeAndre Jordan, and 17 points from Matt Barnes on the eve of his 34th birthday. Los Angeles shot 53.2 percent from the field, improving to 22-1 when shooting 50 percent or better.

Griffin made 11 of 19 shots while extending his career-best streak of games with 20 or more points to 22. Jamal Crawford had three points in 10 minutes off the bench after missing three games with a left calf strain.

DeMarre Carroll scored 19 points in Atlanta's 14th loss in 15 games and sixth in a row.

Phil Jackson 'leaning' toward accepting Knicks' front-office job offer

Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson is "leaning" toward accepting a front-office job with the Knicks, according to multiple reports.

ESPN.com reported Saturday that Jackson would be installed as team president and that he would have final say over basketball decisions.

Meanwhile, CBSSports.com reported that Jackson is "seriously considering" a position with the Knicks but that the front office must be structured to his liking. One possible formation: Knicks president and GM Steve Mills and assistant GM Allan Houston would be in charge of day-to-day operations and report to Jackson.

These developments come one day after the New York Daily News reported that Jackson was offered an unspe-

cific front-office position after meeting recently with Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan. It was previously reported that Mills met with Jackson to discuss the team's head-coaching job, which Jackson wasn't interested in filling.

Dolan tabbed Mills as New York's president and general manager in December, displacing former GM Glen Grunwald.

New York is in the midst of a disastrous season. The Knicks entered Saturday's play with a 23-40 record, 4 1/2 games out of a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. All-Star forward Carmelo Anthony can become a free agent this summer, representing a top agenda item for whomever is calling the shots.

Earlier this month, the 68-year-old Jackson hinted that he was interested in returning

to work and said that he has had "conversations" about getting back in the league.

"There are winners and losers in the NBA, and a lot of people are trying to reclaim their position or change their culture or whatever," Jackson told USA Today Sports. "So yeah, there is [opportunity]. I've had conversations. Some of them are feelers. 'Are you interested?' type of thing."

Those discussions stretch back to last year, when Jackson confirmed that he had discussed a potential front-office role with a number of organizations. Jackson served as a consultant for the Pistons during their recent coaching search, which ended with the hiring of Maurice Cheeks, who has since been fired. He was also briefly linked to the Raptors as a pos-

sible front-office candidate and he was also mentioned in rumors related to the Blazers and the Kings, had they relocated to Seattle.

In 20 years as a coach with the Bulls and Lakers, Jackson went 1,155-485 (.704). He ranks fifth all time in regular-season victories and he never missed the playoffs, winning six titles with the Bulls and five more with the Lakers. Jackson ranks first in postseason victories (229) and winning percentage (.688, 229-104).

Since retiring in 2011, Jackson has said the possibility of a return to coaching is "slim and none" and that he was "kidding himself" if he thought he would return to the bench.

Jackson was drafted by the Knicks in 1967 and spent 10 seasons with the franchise.

New York won titles in 1970 and 1973, but Jackson was sidelined with a back injury during the first championship season.

In a 2012 interview with HBO's Real Sports, Jackson told Andrea Kremer that the Knicks are "special" to him, given his history with the organization, but he added that the team's roster was "clumsy" and that the main pieces "don't fit together well."

"[Amar'e] Stoudemire doesn't fit together well with Carmelo," Jackson said. "Stoudemire is a really good player. But he's gotta play in a certain system and a way. Carmelo has to be a better passer. And the ball can't stop every time it hits his hands. They need to have someone come in that can kinda blend that group together." (www.si.com/nba)

Reed builds 2-shot lead at Doral; Tiger in the mix

DORAL, Fla. (AP)—In only his second year on the PGA Tour, Patrick Reed already is used to playing in the final group on Sunday—and winning.

But not against a field of stars at a World Golf Championship.

And not looking at a familiar figure in a red shirt playing in the group ahead of him.

Reed turned his game around in four holes Saturday at the Cadillac Championship and wound up with a 3-under 69 in much tamer conditions at Doral. It gave him a two-shot lead going into a final round that will prominently feature defending champion Tiger Woods for the first time this year.

Woods, who only a day earlier looked to be on the verge of shooting himself out of the tournament, delivered the low round of the week and his best round of a short season. He made eight birdies for a 66 and was only three shots behind.

“That’s fine. I’ve seen Tiger a lot on the driving range. Never had the opportunity to play with him and I still haven’t been able to play with him,” Reed said. “Whenever he’s close to the lead, he’s a guy you have to watch out for. But at the same time, I have to go and just play my own game.”

He did that beautifully on a sunny afternoon with not nearly as much wind on the new Blue Monster.

Reed rolled in a 40-foot eagle putt on No. 8, and started the back nine with consecutive birdies. He drove the green on the par-4 16th for a two-putt birdie that gave him the outright lead and finished with a two-shot lead over PGA champion Jason Dufner (68) and Hunter Mahan, who bogeyed his last hole for a 71.

Reed was at 4-under 212, the highest 54-hole score to lead at Doral since a three-way tie at 212 in 1985.

The 23-year-old Texan will be going for his third win in his last 14 tournaments, dating to the Wyndham Championship in August. He was tied for the 54-hole lead that week and won in a playoff. Reed also went wire-to-wire to win the Humana Challenge in January.

He will be in the final group with Dufner, the most recent major champion. Right ahead will be Woods and Mahan.

It’s right where Reed wants to be.

“If you have a 54-hole lead, that means you’re playing the best golf of the group through three rounds,” he said. “Tomorrow is Sunday, but at the same time, it’s another round of golf. ... We’ve won twice since August. We’ve played great. And if I continue doing what I’m supposed to be doing, come Sunday afternoon, hopefully we’re holding the trophy.”

Woods made three birdie putts of about 15 feet or longer on the back nine, including a



Patrick Reed shows his ball on the 18th hole during the third round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament Saturday, March 8, 2014, in Doral, Fla.

35-footer down the slope on the par-3 15th. His goal was to get back to even par for the tournament and hope to be within five shots of the leader.

It turned out much better.

Woods was one of five players who were under par, and he goes into Sunday only three shots behind as he tries to win at Doral for the fifth time. Jamie Donaldson of Wales escaped from the palm trees right of the 18th and made par for a 71 to share fourth place with Woods.

“It was nice to get back in the tournament again,” Woods said.

The lack of big wind certainly helped with scoring and attitudes on Saturday. The average scores was 72.6, compared with 76.0 in the second round, allowing for plenty of

movement on the leaderboard on a sunny afternoon in Miami. A dozen players were within five shots of the lead.

“Now it’s playing more like a normal course,” Woods said.

Dustin Johnson failed to birdie three of the par 5s and chopped up the 14th hole, which featured one shot he hit left-handed. He birdied the last hole for a 73 that put him at even-par 216, along with Miguel Angel Jimenez (69) and Zach Johnson (71).

Jimmy Walker, already a three-time winner this season who is starting to feel like contending is a habit, had a 67 and was in the group five shots behind with Bubba Watson, Graeme McDowell and Matt Kuchar.

“The tournament will not be over until the last putt drops on 18,” Mahan said. “That always happens, but it seems like you just can’t coast in here. You can’t have a big enough lead going into 18 this week. So I don’t think anyone is going to be too bothered if someone gets out to a three- or four-shot lead, because there’s so much golf out there. And there’s so much that can happen—good and bad.”

And it did on Saturday.

Woods made his move early and late, pouring in four birdies in eight holes to go out in 33 and getting under par for the first time all week with a bunker shot that narrowly cleared the lip and settled a few feet away for birdie on the 16th.

“I held it together yesterday—a long day, tough day—and that gave me a chance today,” said Woods, who scratched out a 73 in the second round. “I figured, ‘Hey, I’m only six back. That’s definitely doable, especially with the conditions and how difficult this golf course is playing. If I just get back to even par for the tournament, I’ll be right there.’ And I did one better.”

Rory McIlroy did not. The two-time major champion was only one shot out of the lead when he played his next four holes in 5-over, including a pair of double bogeys on the par 5s with shots into the water. McIlroy chipped in for birdie on the 18th for a 75 and was seven shots behind.



Cardinals, 3B Carpenter agree to \$52M, 6-year deal



JUPITER, Fla. (AP)—Matt Carpenter

called agreeing to a new \$52 million, six-year deal with St. Louis a no-brainer. The Cardinals are hoping their third baseman sticks even longer than that.

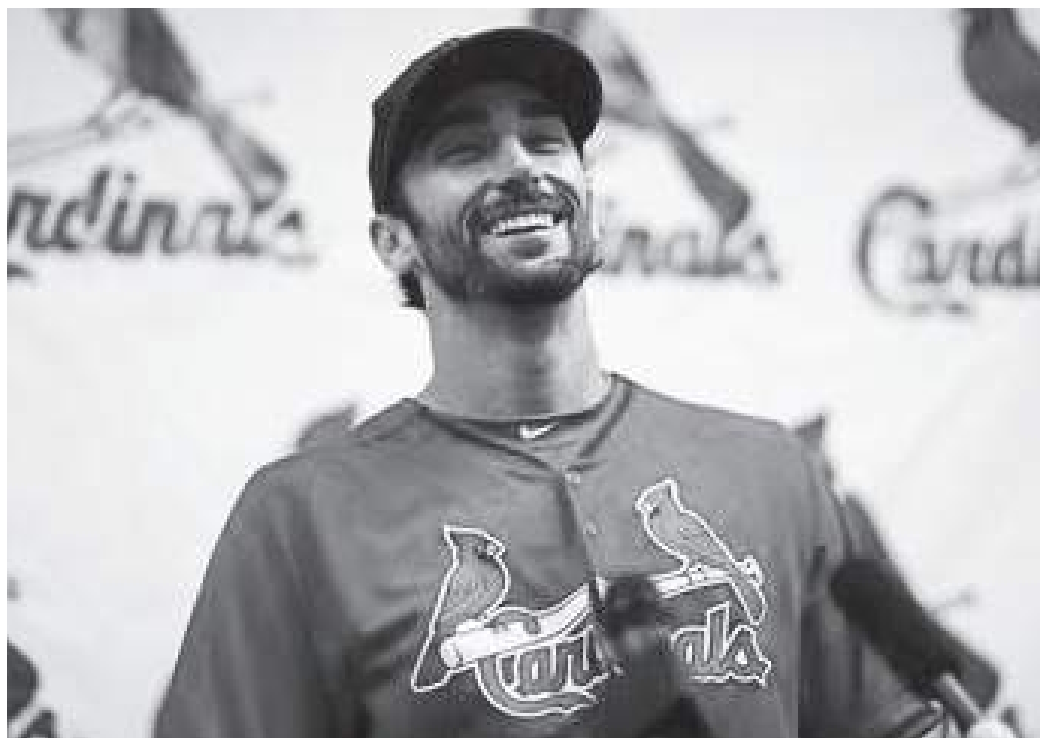
“He’s the type of player you’d like to think could finish his career as a Cardinal,” St. Louis chairman and CEO Bill DeWitt said Saturday.

St. Louis began contract talks with Carpenter in August. Both sides characterized the negotiations smooth.

“It was not one of those where we were sitting there debating all of Matt’s faults or his weaknesses, because there weren’t any,” St. Louis General Manager John Mozeliak said. “He’s really a special person not only on the field but off the field.”

The deal includes a team option for a seventh year in 2020 at \$18.5 million. Should the St. Louis decline the option, they would pay Carpenter a \$2 million buyout.

“For a baseball junkie like myself, I can’t think of a better place to play than the city of St.



St. Louis Cardinals’ Matt Carpenter speaks at a news conference at the team’s spring training baseball facility, Saturday, March 8, 2014, in Jupiter, Fla.

Louis,” Carpenter said. “Busch Stadium, I still pinch myself every time I make that drive to the field. Playing in front of these fans, the city of St. Louis, Cardinal baseball as a whole, it’s just so much fun. It’s such a privilege to put on this jersey.

It’s something I don’t take lightly at all.”

Carpenter’s agent, Bryan Cahill, said the 28-year-old received a \$1 million signing bonus and he’ll make \$1.5 million this season. The salary escalates each year, reaching \$14.5 mil-

lion in 2019.

Carpenter hit .318 while leading the National League in hits (199), doubles (55) and runs (126) last season and playing mostly second base. He is moving back to third this season, where he has played most

of his professional career.

He earned his first All-Star selection in 2013 and finished fourth in MVP voting. A 13th round draft choice out of TCU in 2009, Carpenter’s first full season in the majors was 2012.

Carpenter switched to second base during last spring training and started 128 games as a middle infielder in 2013. He also played 24 games at third.

Known in the clubhouse for his work ethic and daily preparation, it hasn’t taken Carpenter long to take on a leadership role. He’s made an impact not only on the younger Cardinals, but also on the veterans.

“They can’t help but watch,” Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. “OK, how did this guy get on the board all of the sudden? How’s he in the MVP running? Where did this come from? They can’t help but translate the work that’s put in and the discipline.”

He fought back emotion at Saturday’s press conference.

“I realize what a responsibility this is for me,” Carpenter said. “I’m really looking forward to living up to this and continuing being part of such a great organization.”

DOLPHINS

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the 3-point area, dribbled closer and drew a foul on Mendoza. It was a wise foul to give, as Mendoza committed the infraction before Santos pulled up for a long shot and MHS was charged for only its third foul, two more away from the limit.

With the preemptive foul, Kagman was forced to call another timeout with 2.5 seconds left on the clock. When the game resumed, Lampkin did the inbound play and got the ball to Santos, who went for a desperation triple near the top key, but was partially blocked by Mendoza. Pandemonium broke after that last defensive stop, as the Dolphins ended their four-year title drought.

The Preston Basa-coached

MHS, which incidentally defeated Kagman in the 2008-2009 finale, 76-72, before missing the varsity crown in the next four years, won this season’s title after coming out of the loser’s bracket of the double-elimination tournament. The Dolphins, who were unbeaten in the regular season and prevailed in their first playoff game against Tinian High School, were stunned by the Ayuyus in the winner’s bracket semis, 47-70.

With the upset, Kagman advanced to the finals and earned a twice-to-beat advantage in the title showdown, while MHS had to meet Tinian anew and win to save its season. The Dolphins dethroned the Stallions, 62-39, to arrange a title duel against the well-rested Ayuyus.

Kagman and MHS played in the semis bracket in the morning (9:30), while their title match

was set at 5:30pm, less than an hour before the Dolphins eliminated the Stallions. Game 1 of the finals was MHS’ third in the day and though fatigue started to take its toll on Basa’s wards, the Dolphins managed to take a 53-43 win to force a rubbermatch.

The deciding Game 2 was played 25 minutes after Game 1 and right at the get-go, both teams started to show signs of exhaustion. They exchanged turnovers and missed a lot of easy shots in the first period, which ended in a deadlock, 7-all.

In the second quarter, Jonathan Santos had some success in sparking Kagman’s offense, as he escaped with two fastbreak layups and scored 6 points to lift the Ayuyus to a 19-11 halftime lead. However, the Dolphins quickly erased the deficit in the first three minutes of the third canto with a 9-0 run capped by

Mendoza’s triple. A Jonathan Santos short jumper swung the lead back to Kagman, which then went on a 7-2 windup in the last two minutes of the third for a precarious 28-26 lead.

The Ayuyus kept the shaky 2-point advantage in the last two minutes of the match and could have gained more cushion, as they took two point-blanked shots, following a series of helter-skelter plays for around 30 seconds. However, Jonathan Santos muffed a layup, while Andrew Palino overshot a put-back, and finally MHS grabbed the rebound, but lost the leather anew to Mel Sakisat off a wayward pass from Arciaga. Luckily for the Dolphins, Mendoza intercepted Sakisat’s jump-pass to Palino, who was later called for a foul on Irvin Malonzo, as the Kagman guard tried to get the ball back.

for time, hoping to break GCA’s momentum.

“It was just a race to 15 game and we knew our players were starting to feel the pressure, so we wanted to give them a breather,” Quan said.

The ploy worked, as the Lady Eagles regrouped and evened up the count anew, 12-all, off another GCA’s 3-touches error and Dela Cruz’s ace. Leona Pangilinan then put GCA back in the lead with her drop at the backline, but Flores countered with a booming spike.

Flores served, hoping to move MHS one point away from ending the match, but her shot was too strong, so it was GCA which got the point to inch closer to Game 1 win. A close line call denied the Lady Eagles’ bid to extend the finals, as Sabrina Pangilinan went for a tip near the left post for the eighth deadlock in the third set.

A Nekaifes wide spike gave GCA the lead anew, but Alexa Go also had a strong kill on the other end for the ninth tie. The Lady Eagles then notched the 16th point with Tenorio blocking Gechig, but MHS refused to give up, as Dela Cruz went for a kill at the center of the attack line and scored the equalizer again. This time, GCA had no answer and succumbed to pressure, committing two crucial errors.

fending champions on top of the team standings as both squads have 5-2 records.

The Braves scored four runs apiece in the third and fifth inning, while the Padres earned two runs in the first, one in the second, and three in the fourth. Trailing at 4-7, the Braves got an RBI single and RBI double from Jun Rabauliman and Raymond Saralu, respectively, and nailed two more off the Padres’ booboos to snatch the lead after five innings

The Braves kept the driver’s seat after holding strong on defense in the last three innings and stranding five runners.

Meanwhile, results of the Junior, Senior, and Major games over the weekend will be reported in *Saipan Tribune* later this week.

The Ayuyus were over the limit, sending Malonzo to the 15-foot line. The Dolphins quarterback missed his first charity, but made the second to move MHS within one, 35-36, 1:15 left on the clock.

A missed baseline jumper from Michael Muna returned possession to MHS, but gave it away, as Arciaga was charged with a traveling violation on a spin move against Lampkin. Kagman then sued for time with 45.4 seconds left.

When the game resumed, Malonzo made a big defensive stop, as he picked Lampkin’s pocket after the inbound play at the left sideline. It was a double black eye for Lampkin, as he was also called for a foul while trying to retrieve the ball from Malonzo, who faltered the two charities.

Prince Factor took the rebound

after the second miss, but was called for extra steps, as he tried to protect the ball from Kagman defenders. The Ayuyus regained possession with 30.7 seconds remaining in the game, but committed an error at the backcourt, as Jesse Santos’ pass to Muna was too strong and landed on the waiting hands of Mendoza.

Mendoza then went for the layup, but his shot was also a bit strong. Fortunately, Arciaga ran with Mendoza and beat two Kagman players for the rebound to hit the game-winning basket.

MHS 37 – Mendoza 8, Malonzo 8, Arciaga 6, Borja 4, Yap 3, Ano 2, Cayading 2, Capuyon 2, Factor 2.

KHS 36 – Jo. Santos 16, Lampkin 10, Je. Santos 8, Palino 2.

Scoring by quarters: 7-7, 11-19, 26-28, 37-36.

MHS

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ciding third set.

The erstwhile champion handed MHS the two title-winning points in the third set when Leona Pangilinan’s second shot hit the net and Kimiko Tenorio’s return went wide. The two booboos both came after the Lady Eagles and Lady Dolphins engaged in rallies.

Hercia Nekaifes made the last hit from the attack line for MHS in the first rally with the ball heading down the left sideline of GCA’s court. Tenorio dove for the ball for the save, bringing the leather up for Pangelinan to return. Pangelinan then nearly got entangled with Tenorio, as the latter went up and the former’s shot was a bit late for the return with her shot blocked by the net.

With MHS a point away from clinching the crown, 17-16, the ensuing plays got almost everybody up on their feet, as just one mistake from GCA would mean its season was over. The Lady Eagles held on in the several exchanges, while MHS went for the last shot from the backline with Jenny Dela Cruz’s on the connecting end. It was supposed to be a hit that was easy to return, but Tenorio, who was

at the attack line a few feet away from the net was not squared off for the attempt. Her body was twitched and knees were not that bent so when the ball drew contact to her arms, it bounced off strong and headed straight out the left sideline in front of the scorers’ table.

“The girls pulled it together. When we lost the first set, we told them that the only way to win this was to lessen their errors. It really boiled down to which team made less mistakes,” said Somia Quan, who co-coached MHS with Kathy Winkfield.

The Lady Dolphins had two lapses in the back-and-forth first set to lose the extended opener. Sabrina Pangilinan went for a kill, but her attempt was too strong and went past the backline. She then made an adjustment on another attempt, but this time her tip was too soft that it rammed into the net, giving GCA the 26-24 win.

With the close victory, the Lady Eagles moved a set away from sending the title showdown to the deciding Game 2. The Lady Dolphins had a twice-to-beat advantage in the championship round after downing GCA in the winner’s bracket semis, while the Eagles eventually earned a return trip to the finals after eliminating SIS in the loser’s bracket semis.

runs in the last two innings.

The Lions faced a 5-9 deficit after five innings and ended a slump in the fourth and fifth with Keene Deleon Guerrero reaching home off a sacrifice out in the sixth. While the Lions made it to the board in the last two innings, the Fielders went cold, as it had three stranded runners and were called for three strikeouts with Halstead manning the mount for the Lions.

Still down, 6-9, going into the last inning, Deleon Guerrero made the winning hit, as his single drove two runners one. Earlier at the bottom of the seventh, Cedric Ada’s single brought David Matagolai home, while Justin Santos reached off an error with only one out. Before Deleon Guerrero’s single, the Lions had to outs with Field-

ers closer David Ada striking out Jared Ayuyu.

The Padres also scored four runs in the seventh inning to nip the Braves. Tomas Reyes blasted a two-run double, while the two other runs were made off the Braves’ miscues. The four-run top of the seventh ended the Padres’ five-inning silence. The defending champions got into the board quickly with T.J. Sablan’s single driving leadoff batter Lancaster Secharmidal home before the Padres struggled in the next five innings.

Besides scoring the first run in the match, Secharmidal pitched a complete game and gave up only one run (in the second inning). He had nine strikeouts.

In their second outing, the Braves shut out the Padres in the last three innings to join the de-

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES		
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	Brooklyn	30 30 .500 4
	New York	24 40 .375 12
	Boston	21 41 .339 14
	Philadelphia	15 47 .242 20
	Southeast Division	
	Miami	43 16 .729 —
	Washington	33 29 .532 11 1/2
	Charlotte	29 34 .460 16
	Atlanta	26 35 .426 18
	Orlando	19 45 .297 26 1/2
	Central Division	
	x-Indiana	46 16 .742 —
	Chicago	34 28 .548 12
	Detroit	24 38 .387 22
	Cleveland	24 40 .375 23
	Milwaukee	12 50 .194 34
WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division	San Antonio	46 16 .742 —
	Houston	43 19 .694 3
	Dallas	37 26 .587 9 1/2
	Memphis	36 26 .581 10
	New Orleans	25 37 .403 21
	Northwest Division	
	Oklahoma City	46 16 .742 —
	Portland	42 20 .677 4
	Minnesota	31 30 .508 14 1/2
	Denver	27 34 .443 18 1/2
	Utah	22 41 .349 24 1/2
	Pacific Division	
	L.A. Clippers	44 20 .688 —
	Golden State	39 24 .619 4 1/2
	Phoenix	36 25 .590 6 1/2
	Sacramento	22 40 .355 21
	L.A. Lakers	21 42 .333 22 1/2
x-clinched playoff spot		
CADILLAC CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES		
DORAL, Florida (AP) — Scores Saturday in the Cadillac Championship, a World Golf Championship on the 7,481-yard, par-72 Blue Monster at Trump National Doral:		
THIRD ROUND		
Patrick Reed	68-75-69	—212
Jason Dufner	69-77-68	—214
Hunter Mahan	69-74-71	—214
Tiger Woods	76-73-66	—215
Jamie Donaldson	74-70-71	—215
Miguel A. Jimenez	70-77-69	—216
Zach Johnson	70-75-71	—216
Dustin Johnson	69-74-73	—216
Jimmy Walker	73-77-67	—217
Richard Sterne	74-73-70	—217
Bubba Watson	73-72-72	—217
Graeme McDowell	73-71-73	—217
Matt Kuchar	69-74-74	—217
Phil Mickelson	74-75-69	—218
Branden Grace	75-74-69	—218
Bill Haas	73-76-69	—218
Ryan Moore	70-79-69	—218
Nick Watney	72-75-71	—218
Joost Luiten	76-72-71	—219
Rory McIlroy	70-74-75	—219
Graham DeLaet	78-72-70	—220
Stephen Gallacher	75-75-70	—220
Hideki Matsuyama	72-77-71	—220
Adam Scott	75-73-72	—220
Harris English	69-77-74	—220
Hyung-Sung Kim	72-74-74	—220
Francesco Molinari	69-75-76	—220
Justin Rose	74-77-70	—221
Peter Uihlein	73-77-71	—221
Louis Oosthuizen	72-78-71	—221
Gary Woodland	72-78-71	—221
Kevin Streelman	75-74-72	—221
Scott Hend	72-76-73	—221
George Coetzee	74-74-73	—221
Thongchai Jaidee	73-74-74	—221
Brandt Snedeker	73-73-75	—221
Ian Poulter	71-78-73	—222
Charl Schwartzel	70-76-76	—222
Chris Kirk	75-71-76	—222
Darren Fichardt	73-78-72	—223
Thomas Bjorn	75-75-73	—223
Sergio Garcia	74-76-73	—223
Henrik Stenson	73-76-74	—223
Lee Westwood	75-79-70	—224
Luke Donald	70-82-72	—224
Kevin Stadler	77-76-72	—225
Jordan Spieth	73-79-73	—225
Rickie Fowler	76-75-74	—225
Keegan Bradley	74-76-75	—225
Russell Henley	72-78-75	—225
Billy Horschel	77-78-71	—226
Steve Stricker	77-78-71	—226
Ernie Els	75-78-73	—226
Matteo Manassero	76-76-74	—226
Jonas Blixt	79-72-75	—226
Webb Simpson	80-78-70	—228
Martin Kaymer	75-80-73	—228
Victor Dubuisson	72-81-75	—228
Boo Weekley	75-75-78	—228
Jin Jeong	75-75-78	—228
Brendan de Jonge	76-79-74	—229
Jim Furyk	78-77-75	—230
Roberto Castro	74-78-78	—230
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	77-77-77	—231
D.A. Points	82-76-74	—232
Dawie van der Walt	81-83-71	—235
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	74-82-79	—235
Brett Rumford	83-79-77	—239
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The Week in Sports

School sports wrap up

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School competitions concluded last week with Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization wrapping up the girls volleyball and boys basketball leagues and the Coalition of Private School Sports Association ending its girls and boys basketball leagues.

In the MISO volleyball, Marianas High School and Grace Christian Academy finished the regular season tied for first place with their similar 15-1 records. The Lady Dolphins went on to win the tiebreak (sets won) and also defeated the Lady Eagles in the finals. Other schools that joined the league were Saipan International School and Kagman High School, which fielded junior varsity and varsity teams, Saipan Southern High School, and Mount Carmel School.

In the MISO caging, MHS also finished on top of the regular season and then survived Kagman High School in the finals to end its four-year title drought.

In the COPSSA league, Whispering Palms and Mt. Carmel duked it out in the girls middle school finals, while the Knights battled the Grace Christian Academy Eagles in the boys title tiff at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Results of both matches will be reported in *Saipan Tribune* later this week.

Meanwhile, ongoing leagues on Saipan continued their games last week.

In the Major division of the Saipan Little League Baseball, the Enforcers recorded the biggest win last week after stunning the then undefeated Hustlers. Also earning wins last week were the Comets I, Falcons, IT&E, and the Braves.

In the Junior League, the Fielders and the Falcons got separate wins, while the Comets had a 13-inning standoff against the Enforcers. In the Senior League, the Braves and the Enforcers coasted to victories, while the four teams in the Big League split their matches at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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A Kanoa FC player is tightly guarded by Inter Godfather's Peter Loken during the first half of their game in the M-League last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



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A Falcons runner gets a massage from a coaching staff member during a brief break in their Junior League game against the Red Sox last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



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A Tinian High School player pulls up for a triple against an Agape Christian School defender during the closing seconds of the third quarter of their game in the MISO caging last weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Over at the TSL Sports Complex, the Sun Palace doubles and singles badminton tournament continued its pool play matches, while the MDX caging played its regular season games at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

At the Oleai Sports Complex Field, M-League had its spring season matches, while the CNMI Men's National Team challenged Ehime University in an exhibition game.

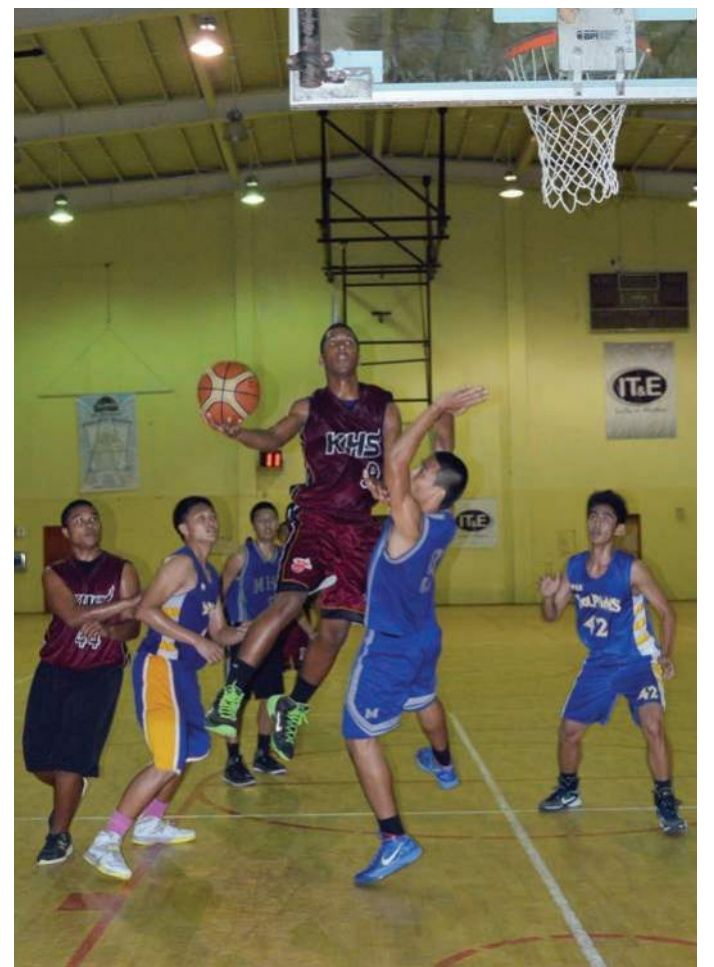
Football matches were also played at the Hopwood Junior High School Field with teams in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth league seeing action in Week 5 of the competition.

In another youth competition, Vaskuu and Luther Lagsagna won the Marianas Kids Cup, prevailing in the 4-person beach volleyball contest in the U17 and U13 age groups, respectively.



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Grace Christian Academy's Danica Canedo makes a hit during their title game against Marianas High School in the MISO volleyball league last weekend at the MHS Gymnasium.



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Kagman High School's Jason Lampkin slices through the defense of two Marianas High School players during Game 1 of their title duel in the MISO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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The CNMI Men's National Team's Jireh Yobech tries to keep possession against two Ehime University defenders during an exhibition game last week at the Oleai Sports Complex.



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IT&E's Marlon De Dios goes up for a shot during the third quarter of their game against Docomo in the MDX caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



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Dolphins nip Ayuyus in finale

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The 2013-2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Boys Basketball League had an epic finale with Marianas High School pulling off a heart-stopping 37-36 victory over Kagman High School to clinch the varsity championship last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mike Arciaga made the dagger with his putback in the closing seconds of the thrilling but low-scoring championship match. He collared the offensive rebound after a missed layup from Kobe Mendoza and with the clock winding down to the last 10 seconds, he went for a quick release and canned the banked shot from the right baseline about eight feet away from the basket.

After Arciaga's conversion, Kagman pressed the panic



button and was left with 8.8 seconds to orchestrate a game-winning play, but the Dolphins held strong on defense in the homestretch to break the Ayuyus' heart.

The eventual champions read the Ayuyus' offense well in the first inbound play, as after Jason Lampkin received the inbound pass, MHS defenders ganged up on him, forcing the Kagman center to kick the ball out to Jesse Santos. Santos, who was at the right key near

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Split wins in Big League



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A Braves batter gets ready to swing during a make-up game against the Padres last week in the Big League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Four teams split their games in the Big League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

In last Thursday's first game, the defending champions Padres downed the Braves, 5-1, while the latter pulled off an 8-7 victory against the former in a make-up game the same night. In another make-up



game last Tuesday, the Lions also eked out a close 10-9 win over the Fielders, who thwarted the former, 5-1, in the curtain raiser.

The Fielders scored all their five runs in the fourth inning to gain their third win in seven games. Four of the five runs were made off the Lions' errors, while the lone earned run was courtesy of Cody Kaipat's RBI double.

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Marianas High School's Ignacio Borja goes up for a shot against Kagman High School's Melvin Sakisat Jr., right, and Mike Muna, partially hidden, during the fourth quarter of Game 2 of their title showdown in the MISO varsity caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MHS also triumphs in girls volleyball



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Coaches Somia Quan, left front row, and Kathy Winkfield, right front row, pose with Marianas High School players during the trophy presentation after the MISO volleyball league finals. The Lady Dolphins defeated the Grace Christian Academy Lady Eagles, 24-26, 25-20, 18-16, last Saturday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Marianas High School survived a tough finals opponent in Grace Christian Academy to rule the 2013-2014 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Volleyball League.

The Lady Dolphins bounced back from an opening set loss (24-26) in Game 1 of the finals, winning the last two, 25-20, 18-16, to dethrone GCA. The Lady Eagles won last year's competition against Saipan International School, but faltered on their back-to-back comeback bid after committing costly errors in the de-

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